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IT WAS very dark inside the house. It was just as dark outside too. It was the middle of the night when Koko and Kola jump off their high chair and came out to play.

There was a great deal of noise and excitement in one corner of the kitchen. Raymond was busy telling his friends, Koko and Kola, all about his great day at the circus. "First, there's a big man; he's very big, even bigger than my daddy. Then there's a little man, so little, he almost looks like a baby that can walk and talk. Oh, and there are animals, too — elephants that dance, dogs that do tricks, and funny men who wear false faces, the clowns."

"Well, what are we waiting for?" said Koko. "Let's go off to the circus and see what it's like at night when all the people and the animals are free to roam."

"That's right," said Raymond. "Let's go! I want you to see all the wonderful things yourself."

The three of them walked to the door and opened it, but they couldn't step outside. There, in front of the door was something, something very funny, indeed, to find outside your door on a warm spring evening. It was a snowman!

"Wh-wh-what are you doing here?" asked Raymond.

"Snowmen only come around in the wintertime," said Koko.

"Aren't you going to melt?" asked Kola. "It's so warm."

"One at a time now, boys, one at a time. I'll explain everything. You see, every winter when I get here, Raymond tells me all about the circus and how wonderful it is. But I never see the circus, the circus is never here in the winter-

time. So this year, I decided to come down in the fall while the circus was still in town. As for melting, just let's not mention it. Whew! Let's not even think about it. Let's just hurry to the circus."

When they got to the circus, they found the animals all jumping and running about, playing with each other. The seals were having a game of basketball. They were very good, too. They would stick their noses up in the air and pass the ball to each other. After considerable slithering around, they would even throw the ball into the basket. It was very exciting to watch.

On the other side of the big circus tent, the elephants were running an obstacle race. They would run until something was in their way, then they would pick it up with their trunks and hurl it away, running all the while. It certainly was funny to watch them. No one there had ever seen an elephant run before.

Suddenly something happened. Something that made the animals stop playing and stand stock still. What was it? Why, it was nothing but the snowman. None of them had ever seen a snowman. As a matter of fact, this was the first time that a snowman had ever visited a circus.

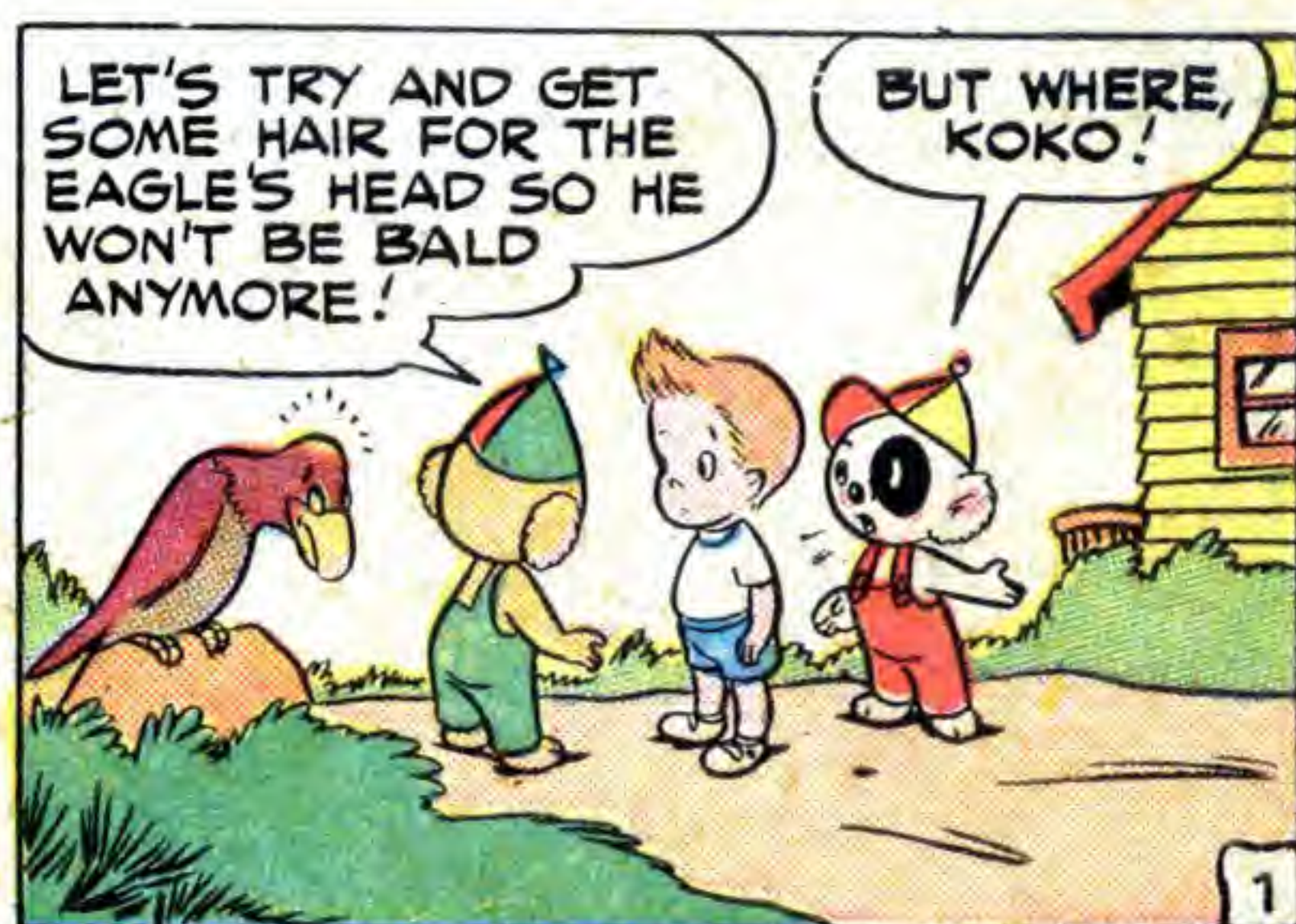
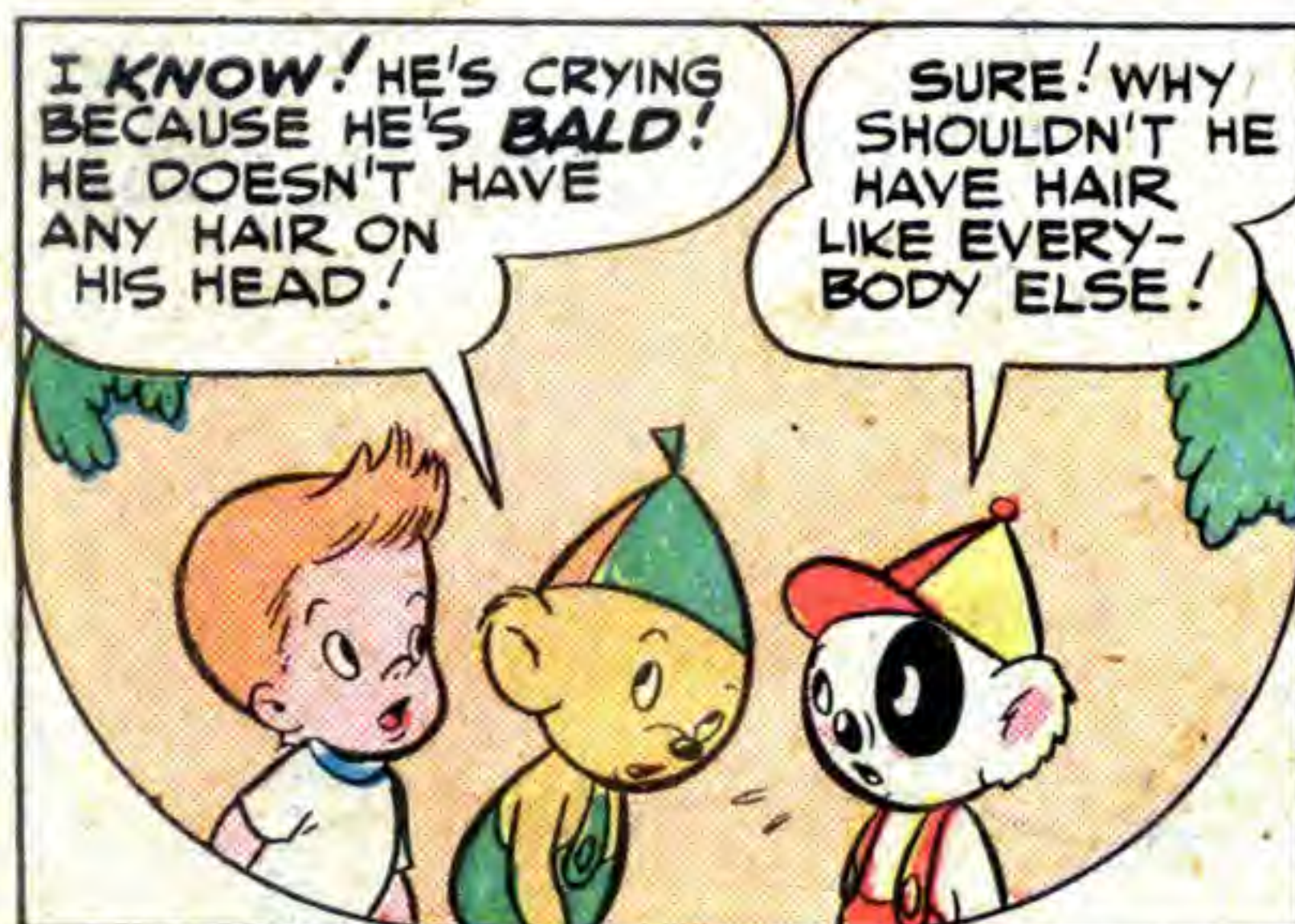
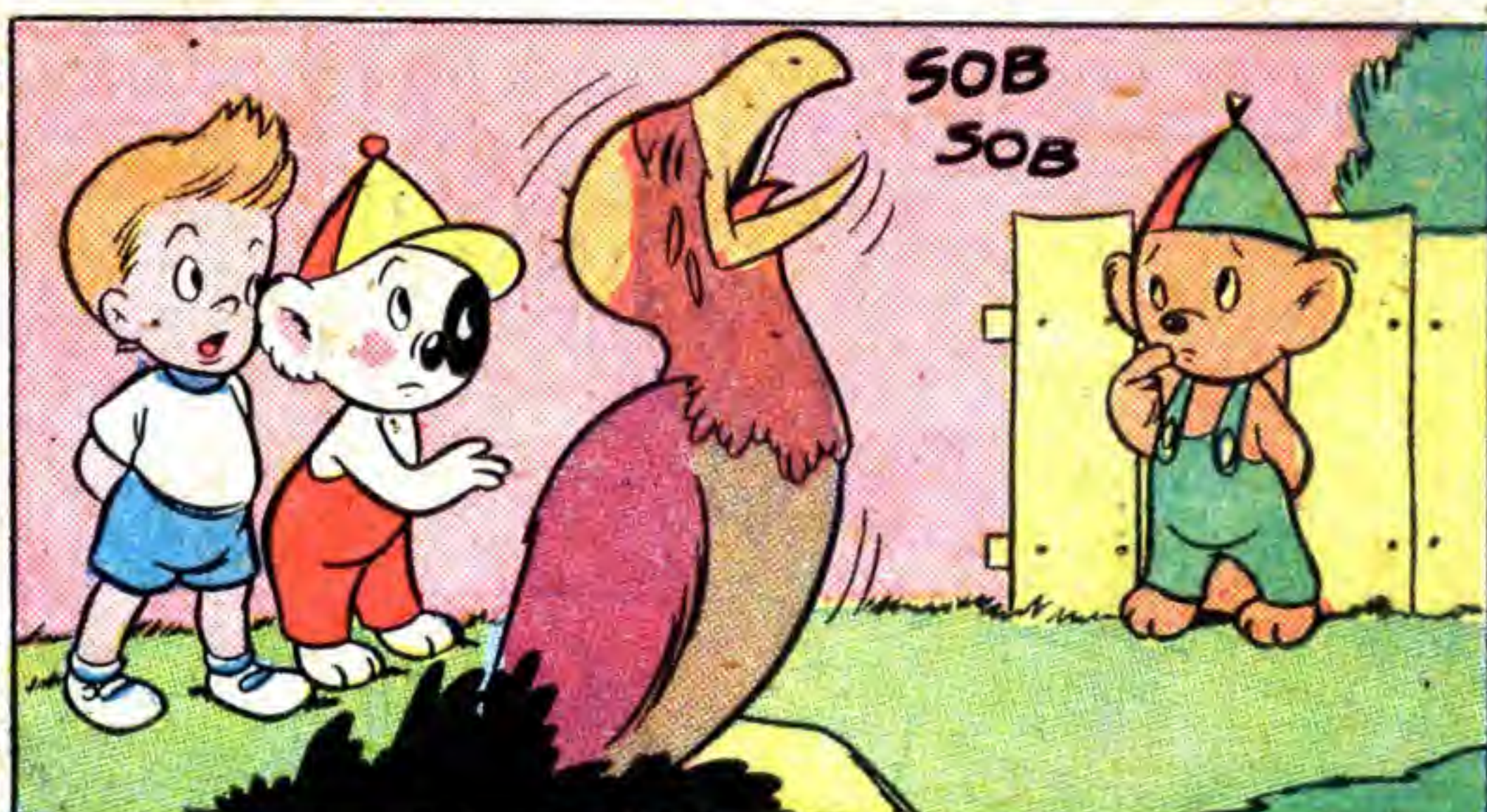
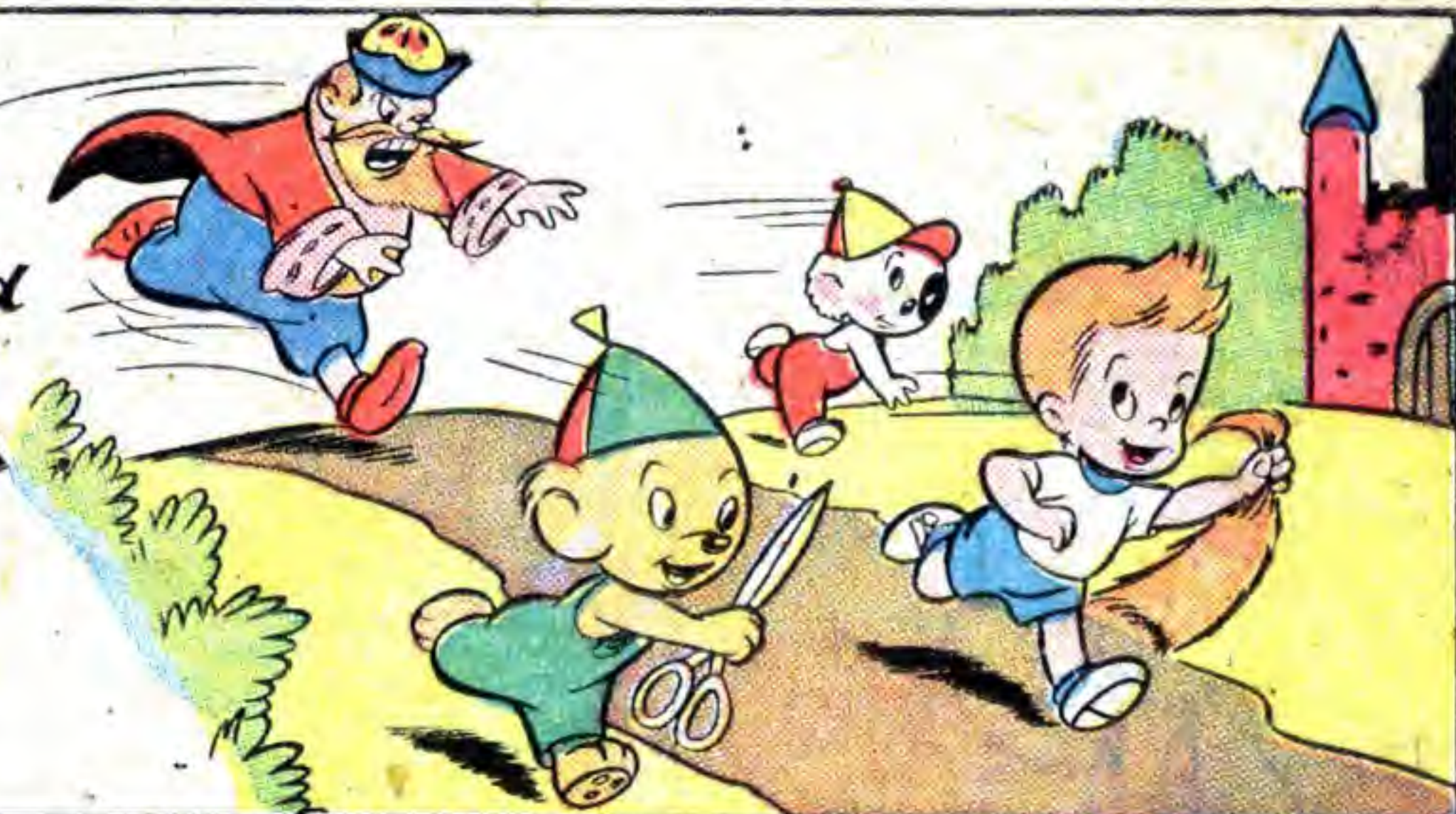
"What is it?" they cried, pointing to him. "Who is that funny white man?" They stood watching the snowman. Some of them walked around him so that they could see him from all sides. And, it is shameful to say, some of them even poked him just to find out what the white stuff felt like.

"Don't be afraid," Raymond called out. Then he said to one of the elephants, "Pick me up and stand me on your back."

(CONTINUED ON INSIDE BACK COVER)

The Adventures of **KOKO and KOLA**

KOKO, KOLA AND RAYMOND
HAVE A HAIR-RAISING
ADVENTURE IN **BEARDLAND!**

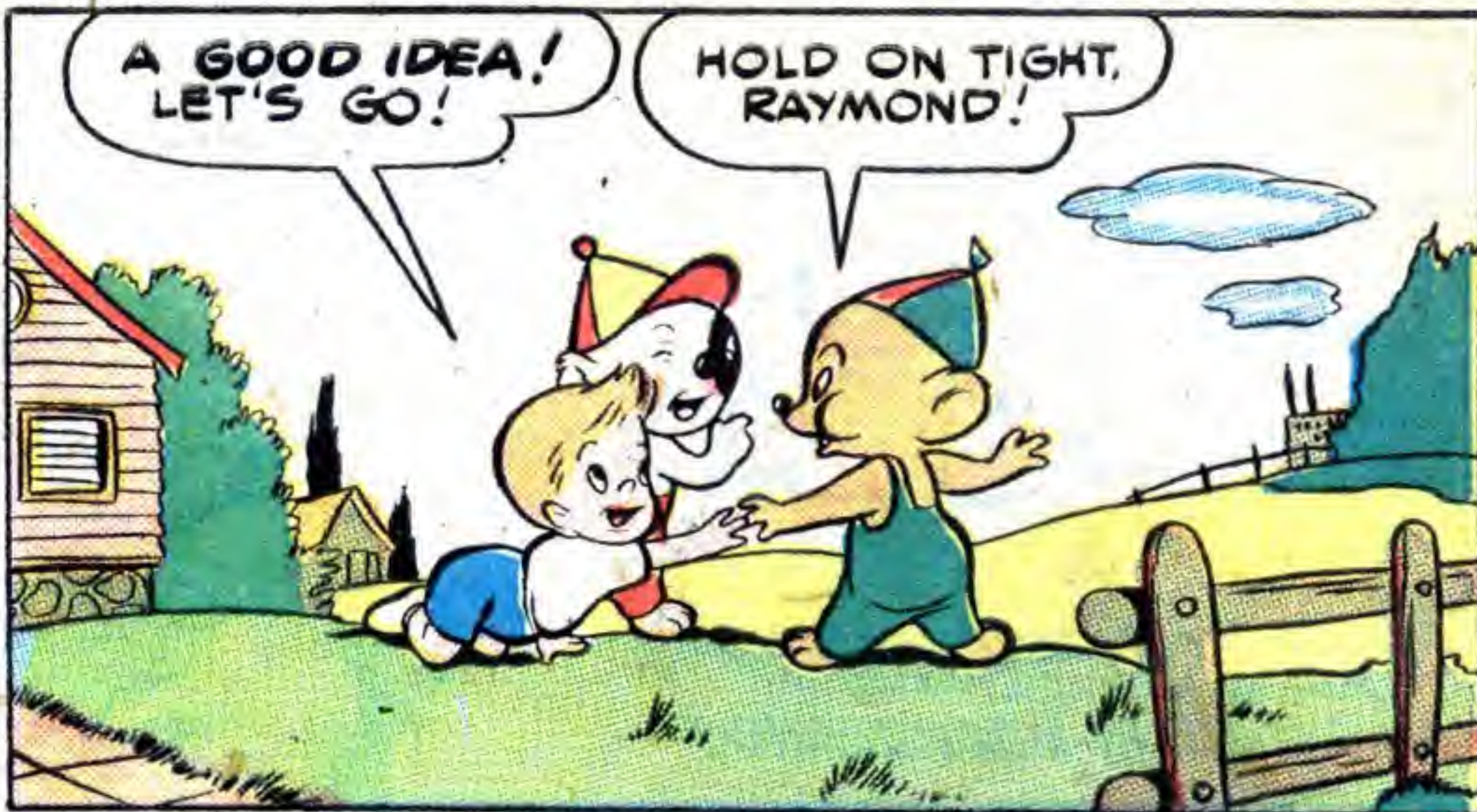


HOW ABOUT GOING TO
BEARDLAND? EVERYBODY
WEARS A BEARD IN
BEARDLAND SO THERE
OUGHT TO BE SOME
HAIR WE COULD GET!



A GOOD IDEA!
LET'S GO!

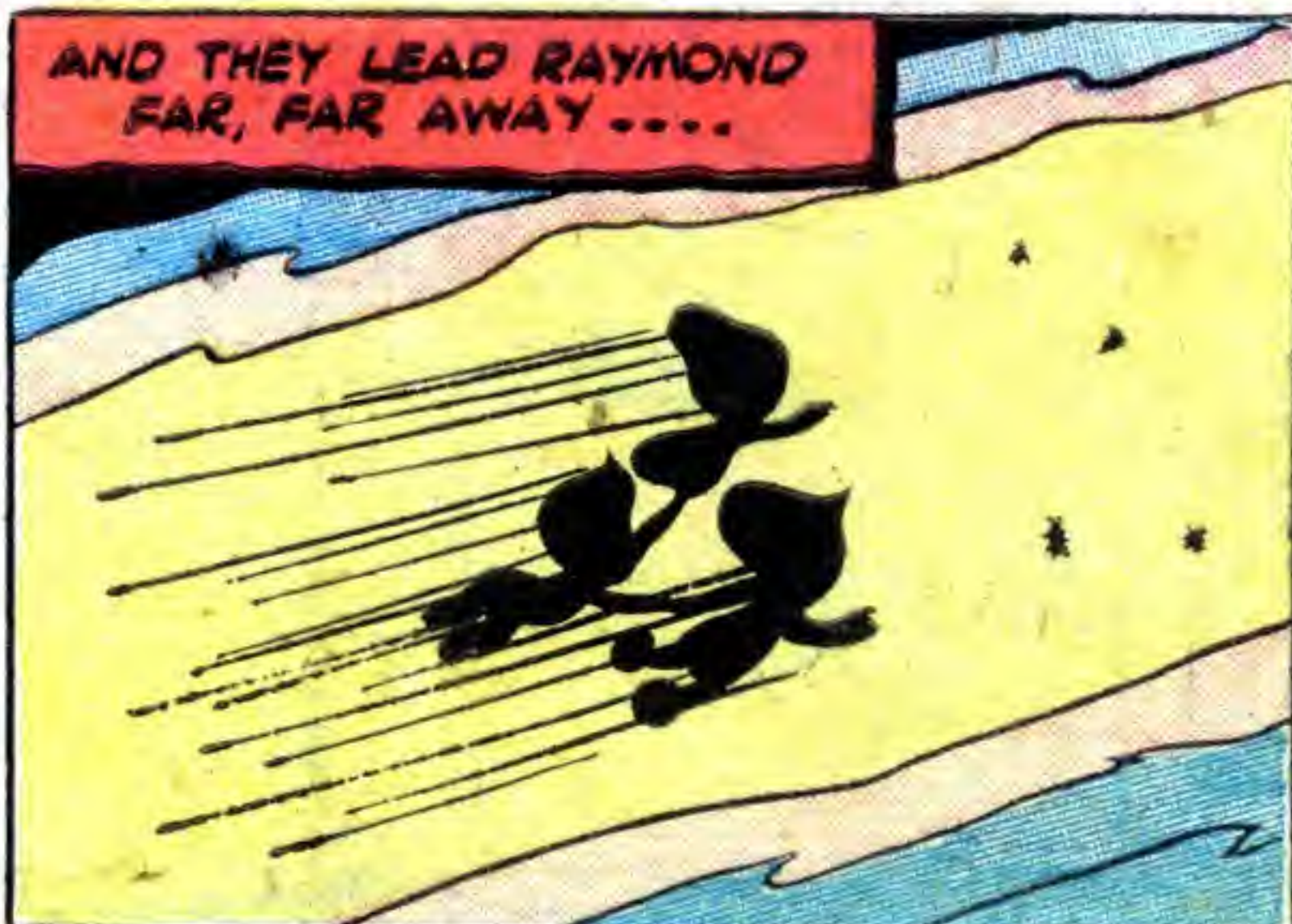
HOLD ON TIGHT,
RAYMOND!



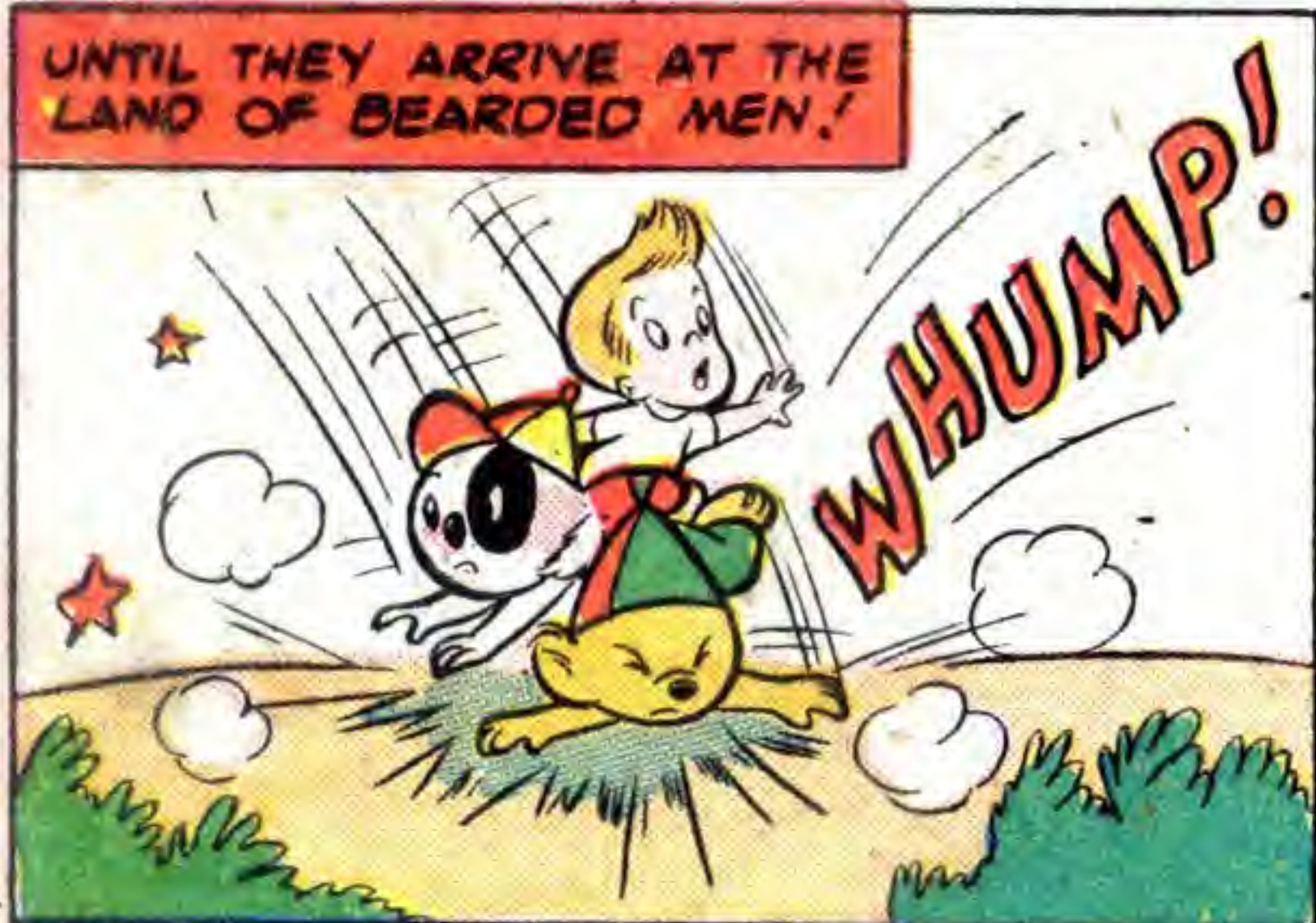
KOKO AND KOLA ARE MAGIC,
AND THEY CAN FLY ANYWHERE,
SO OFF THEY GO...



AND THEY LEAD RAYMOND
FAR, FAR AWAY



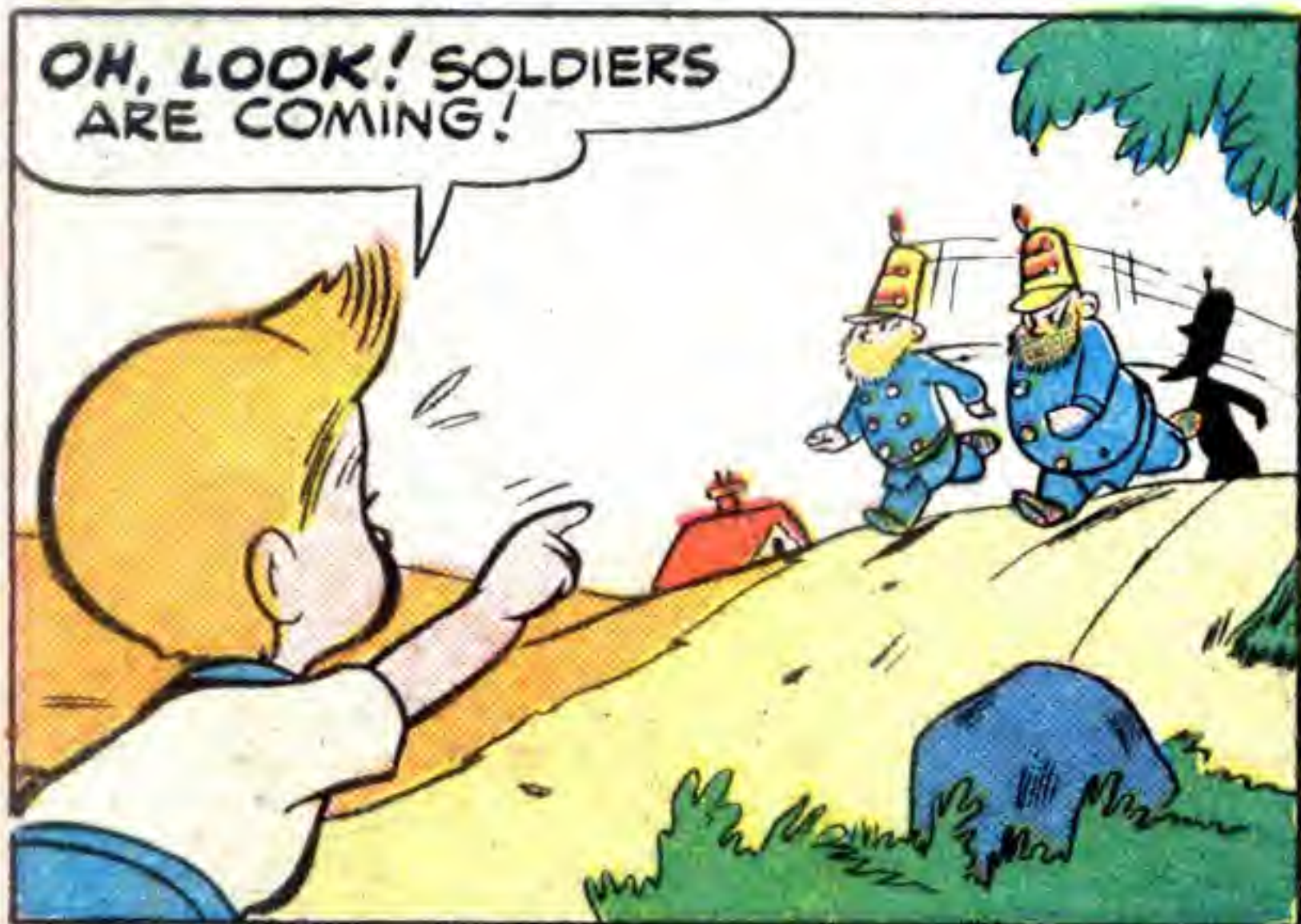
UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT THE
LAND OF BEARDED MEN!



BEARDLAND!
EVERYBODY OFF!

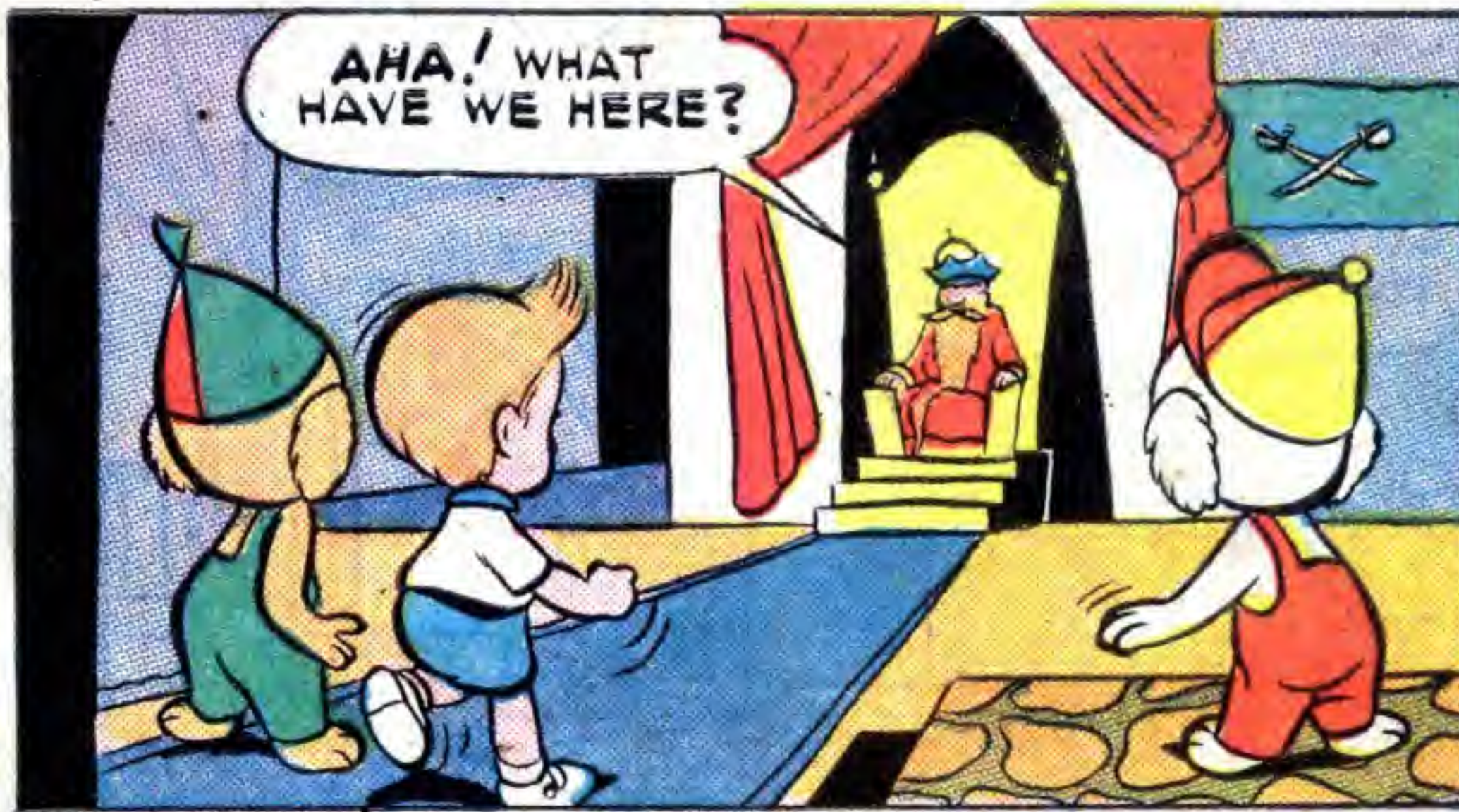


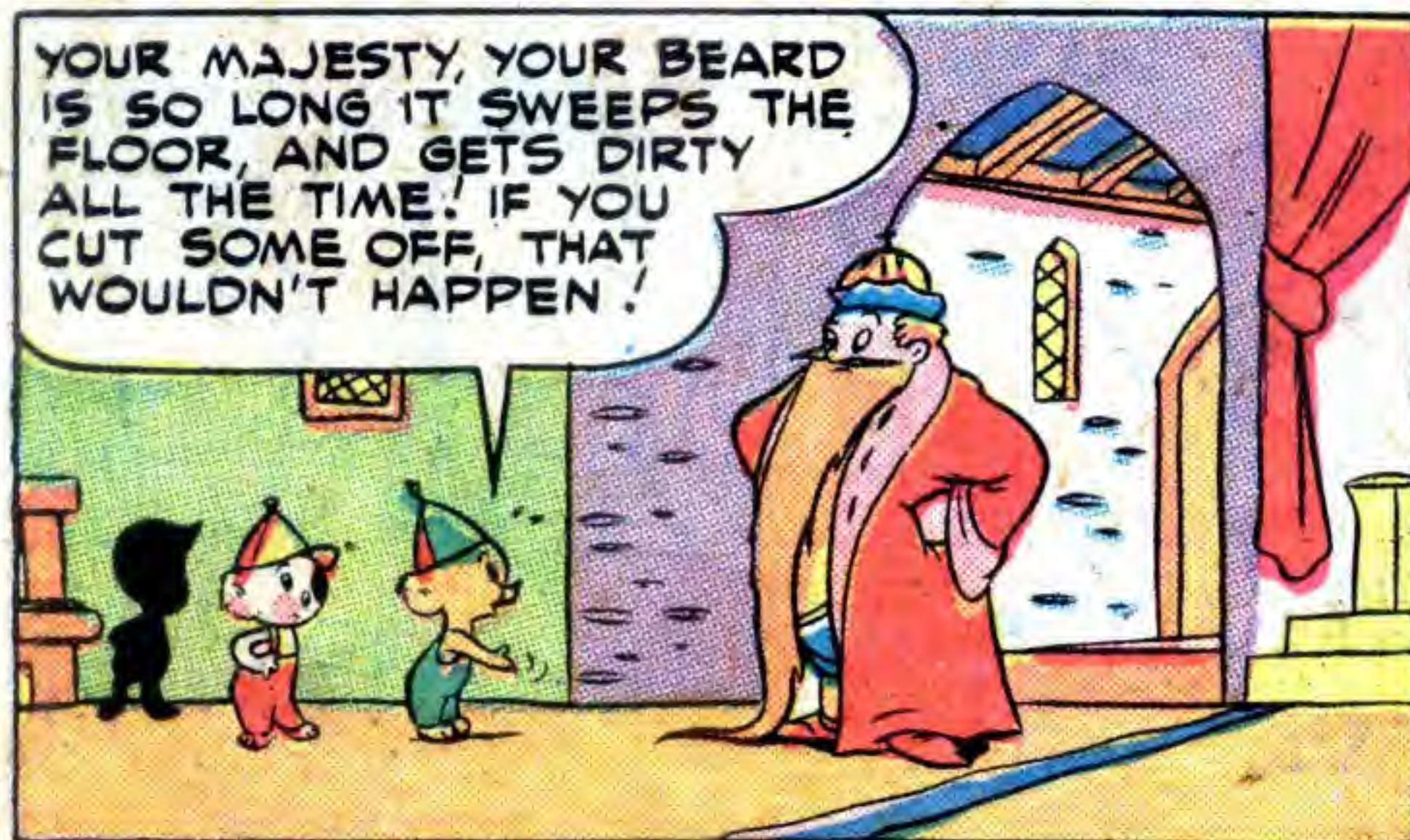
OH, LOOK! SOLDIERS
ARE COMING!

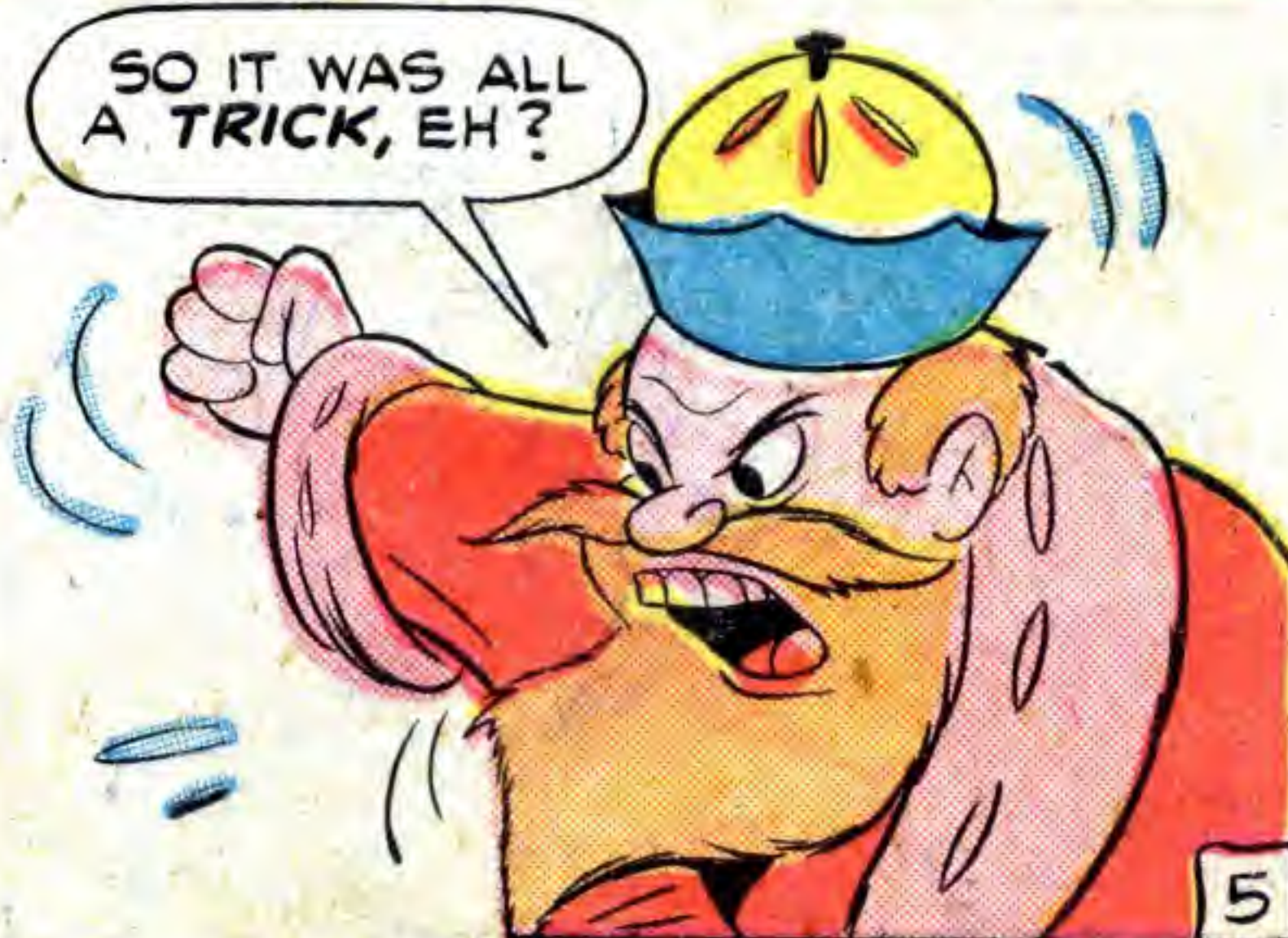
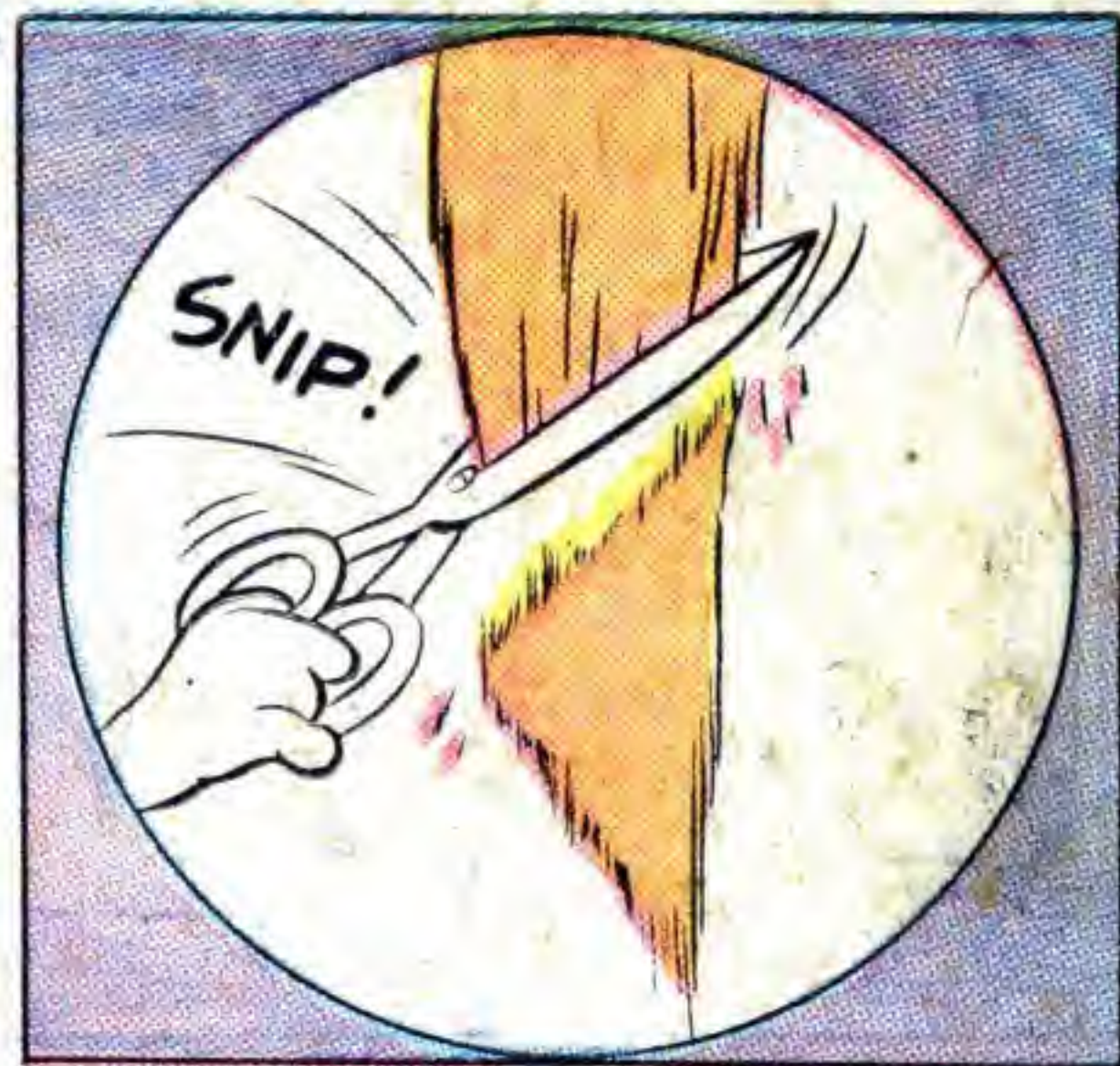
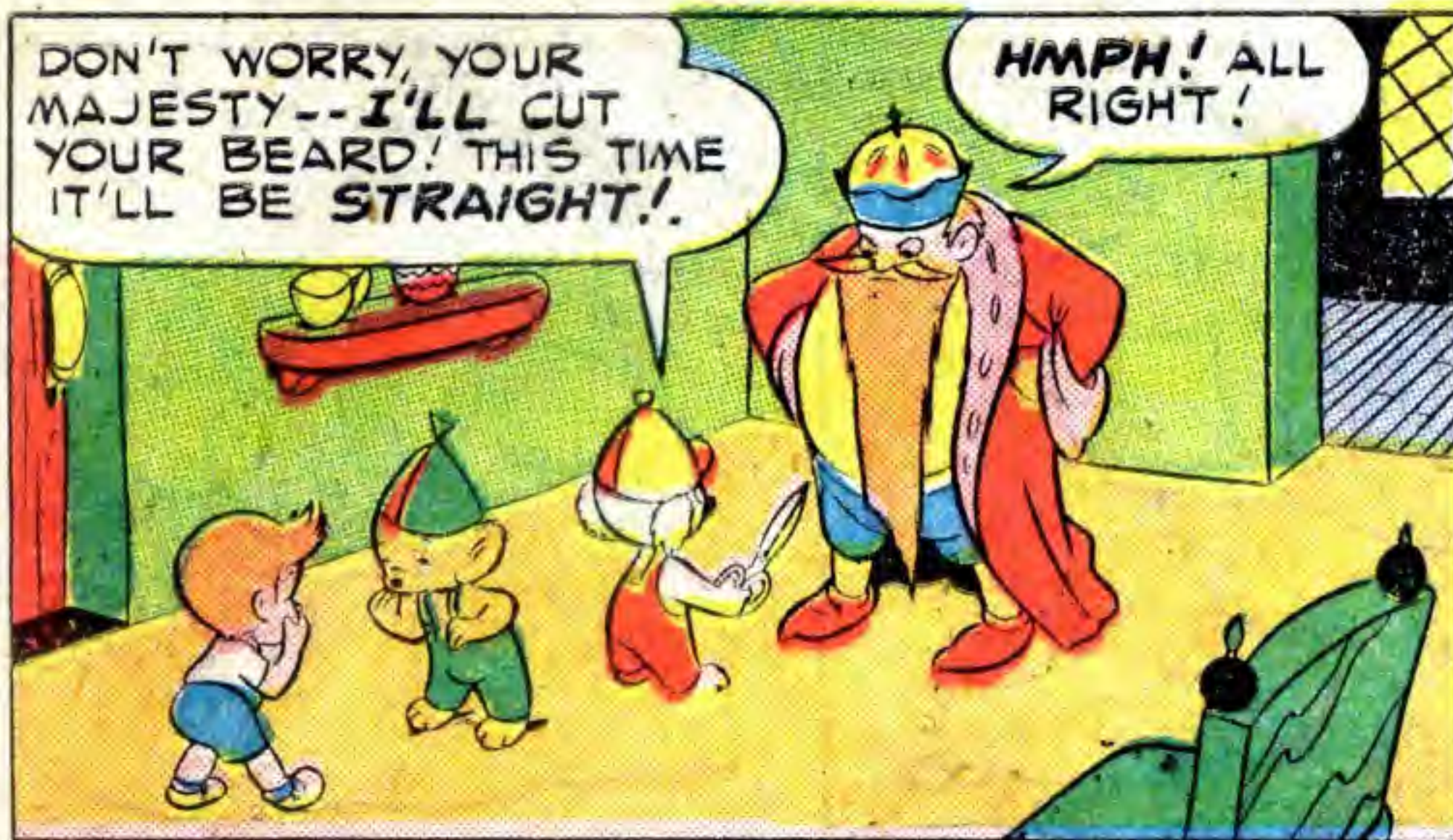


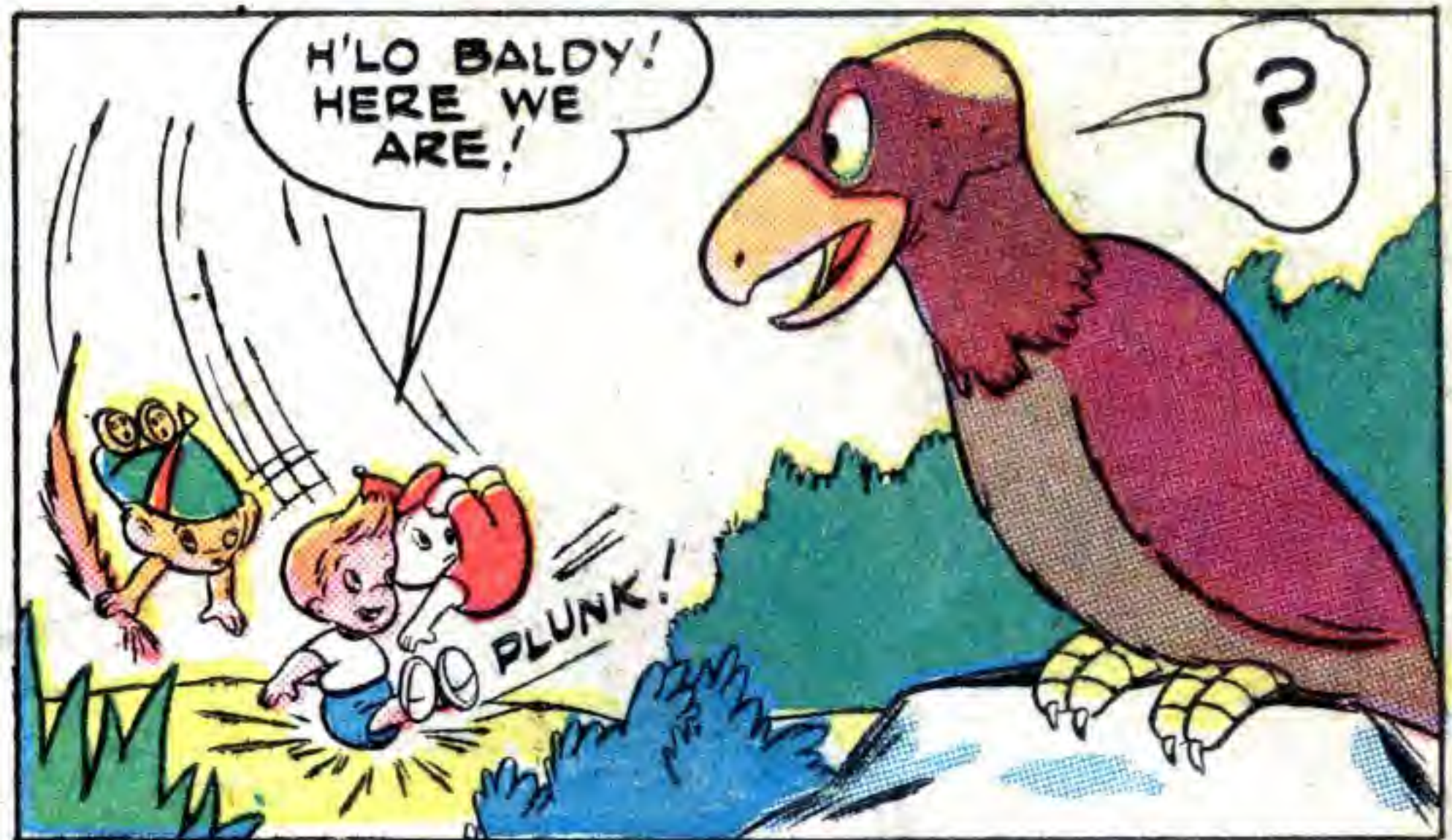
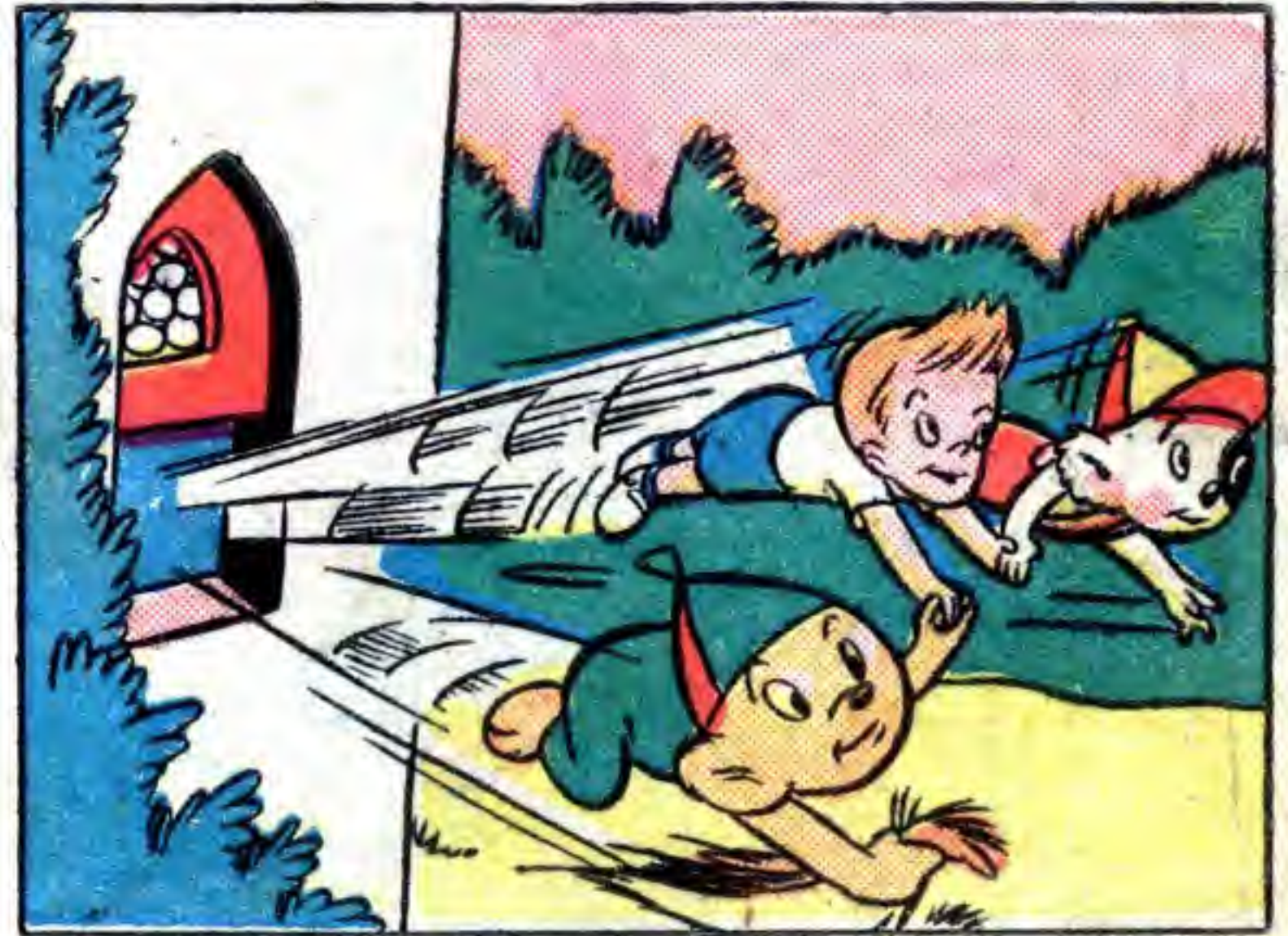
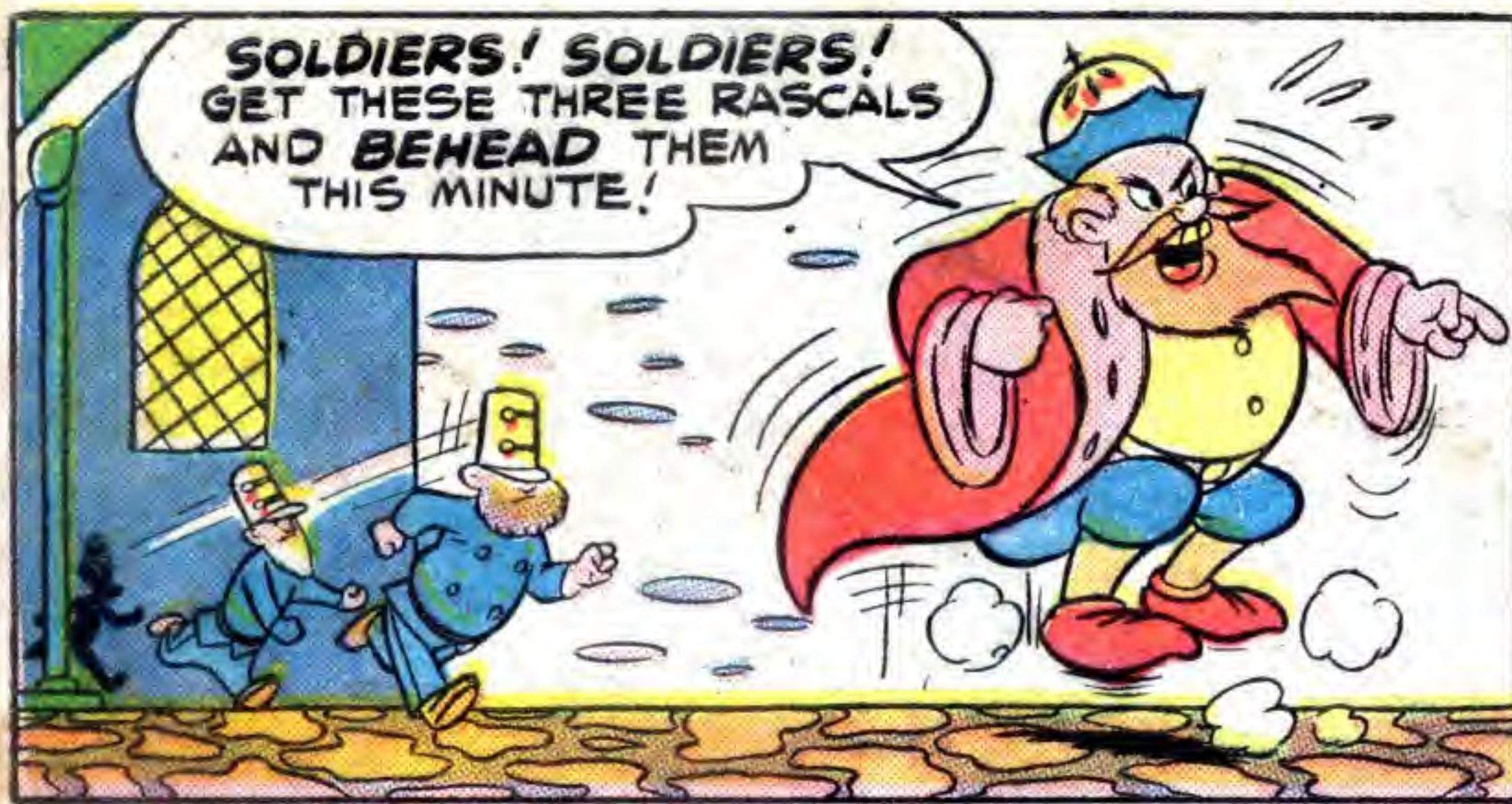
COME ALONG WITH US,
THE **THREE** OF YOU!



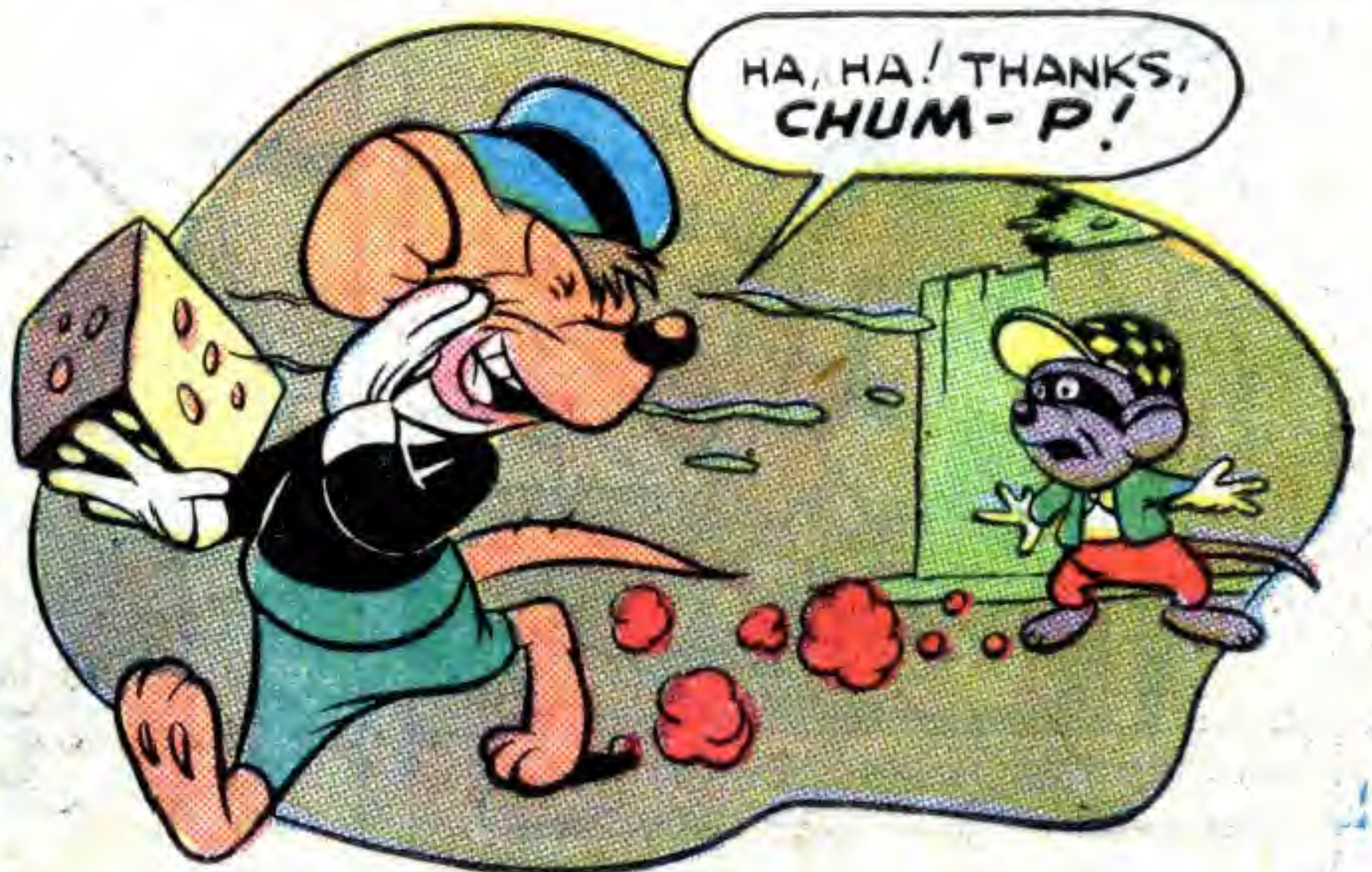
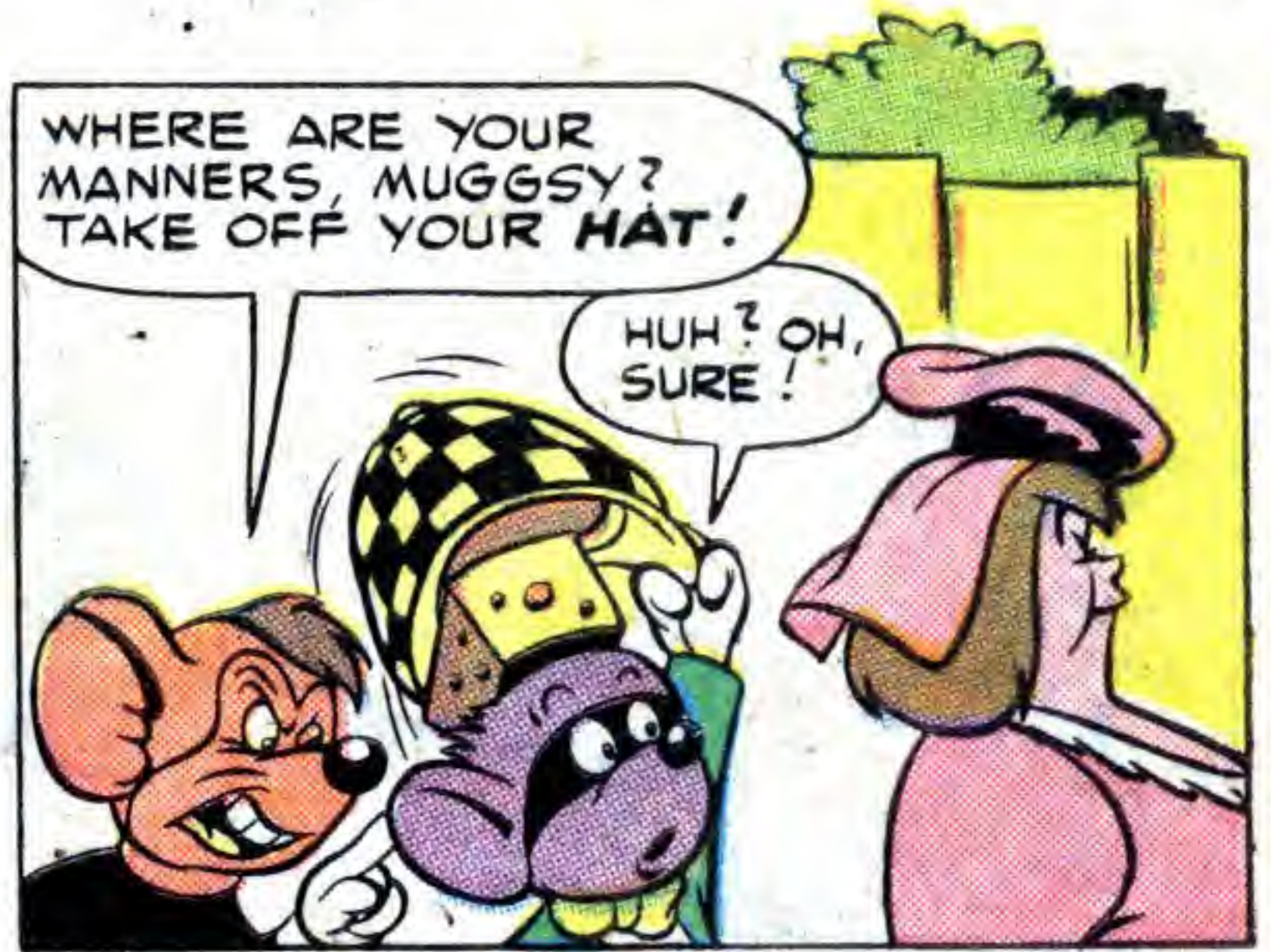
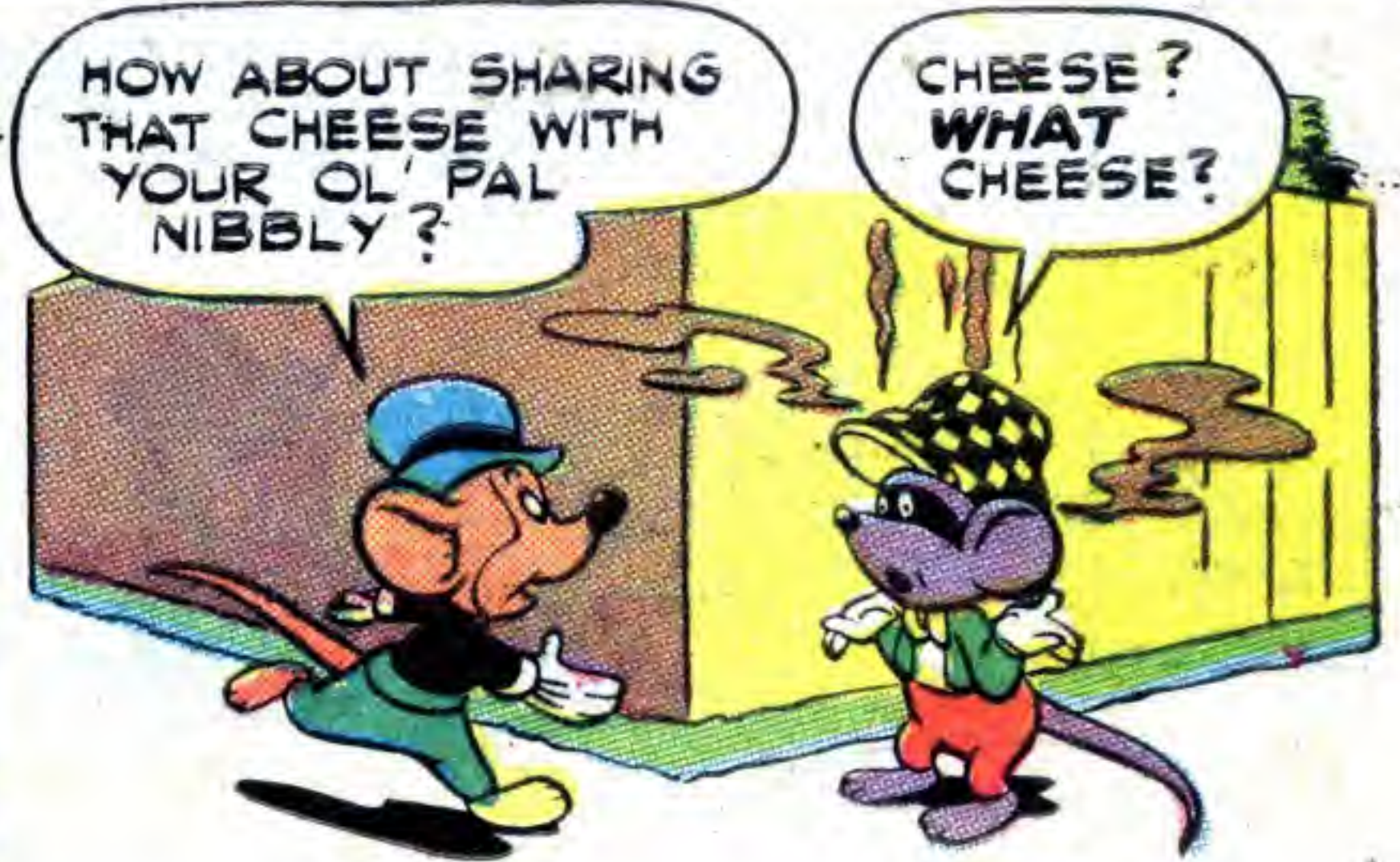
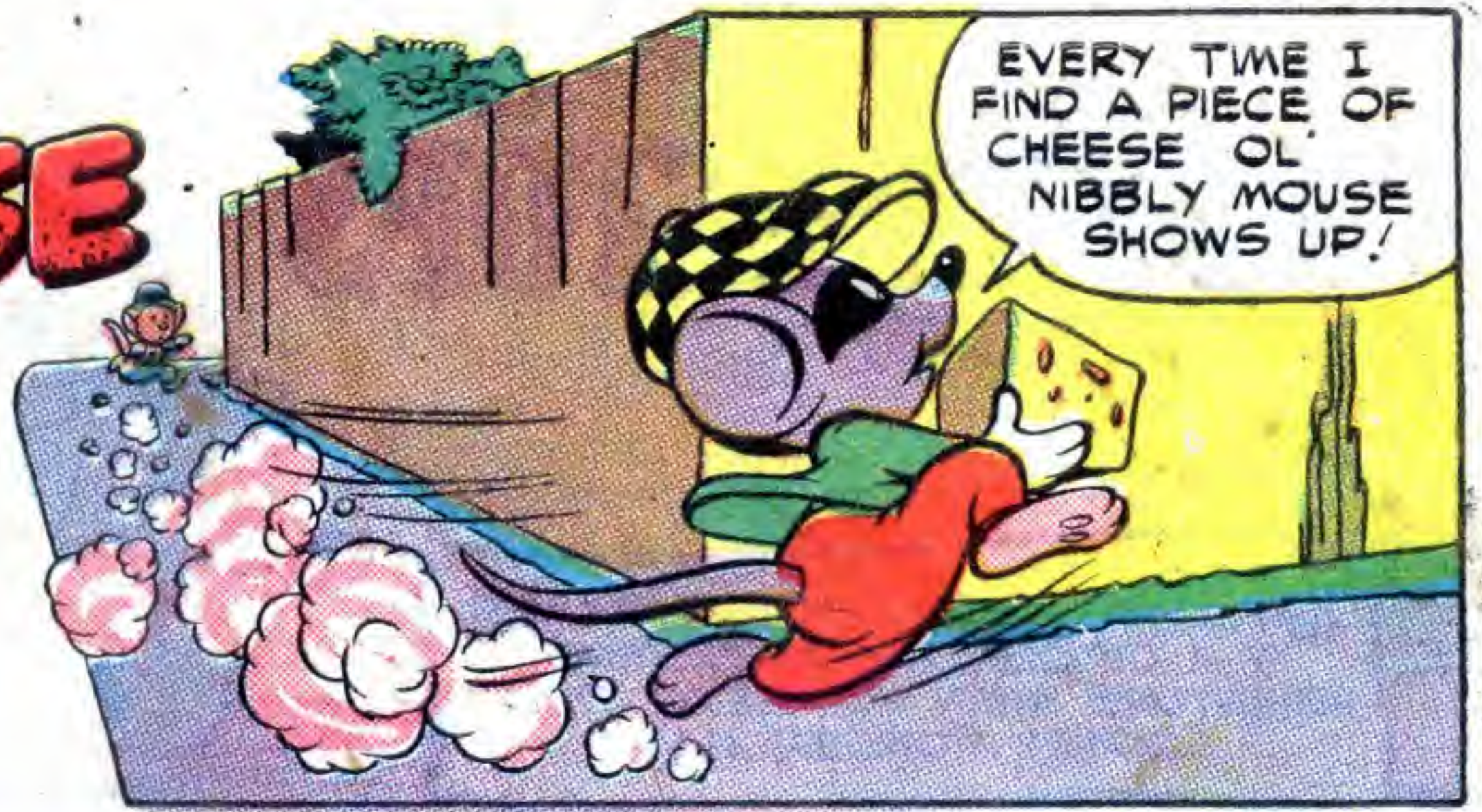








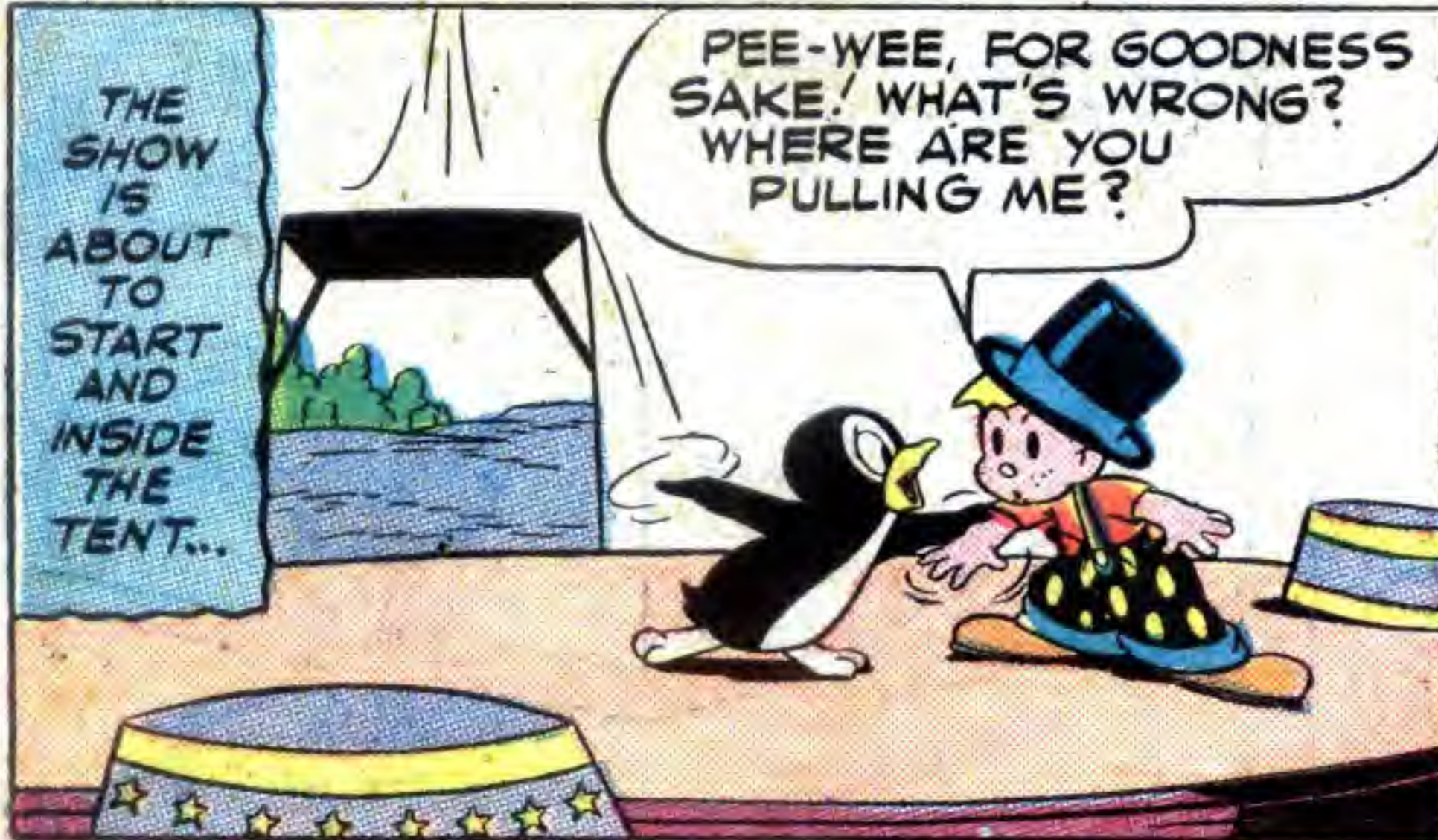
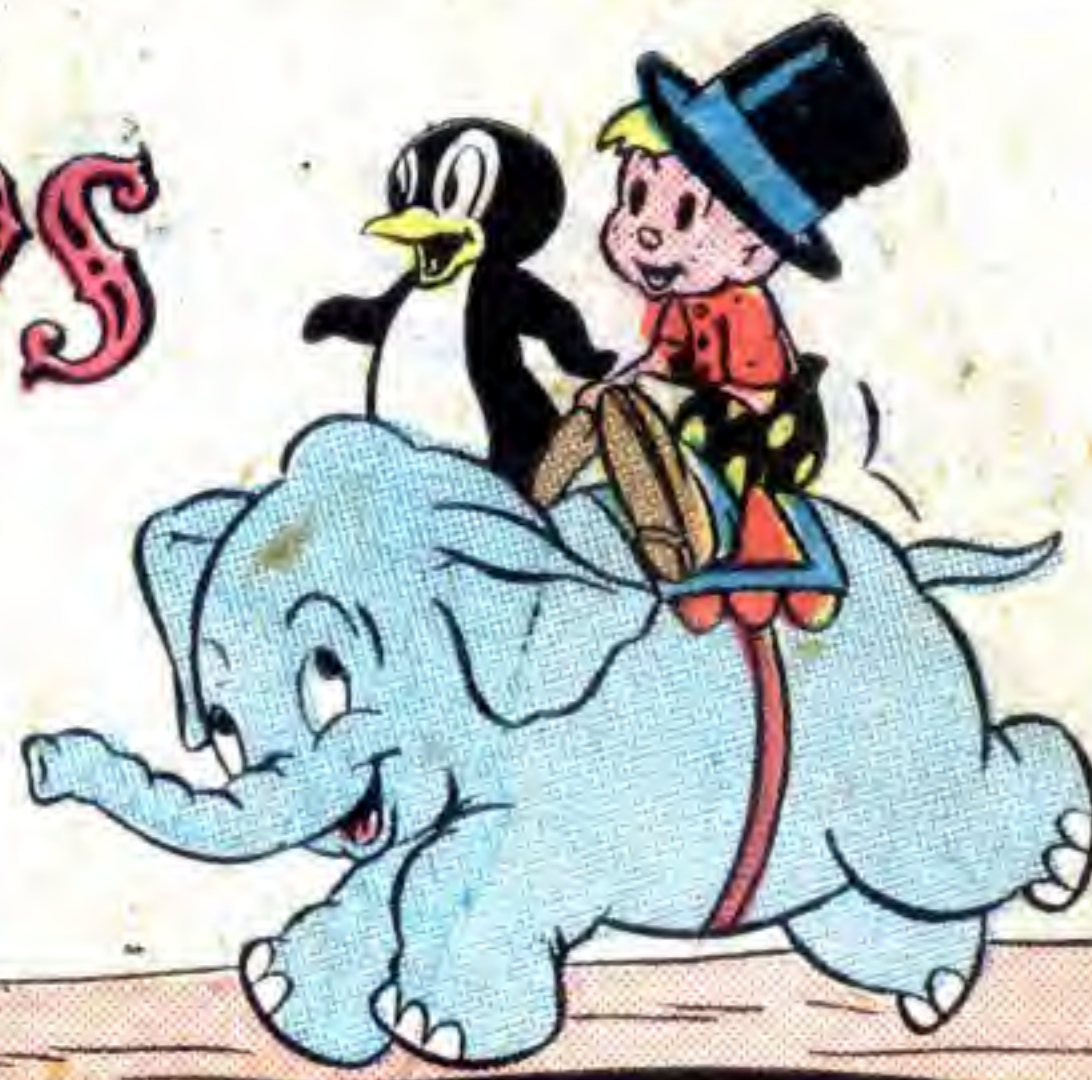
MUGGSY MOUSE



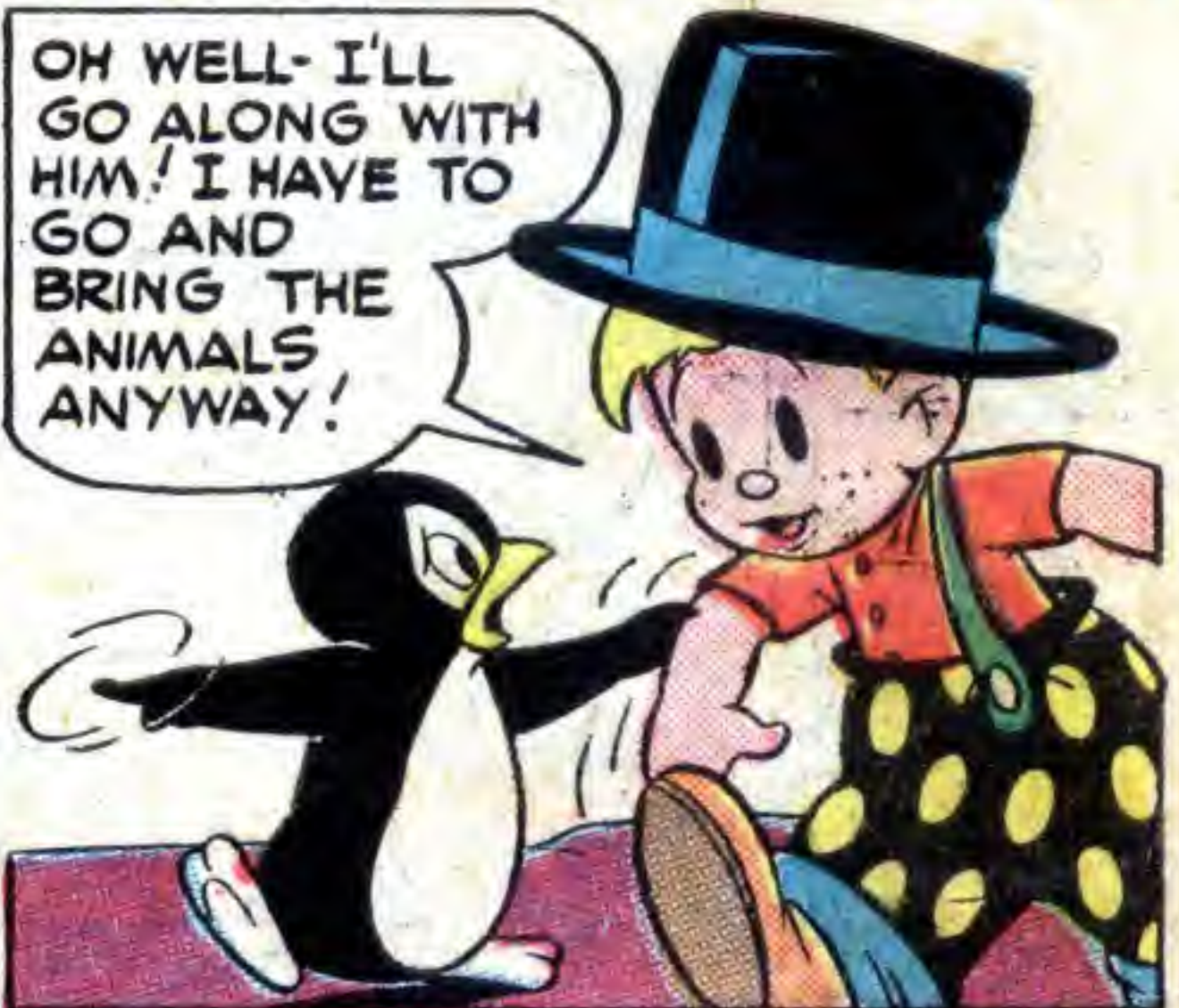
LITTLE TOPS

OF THE BIG TOP

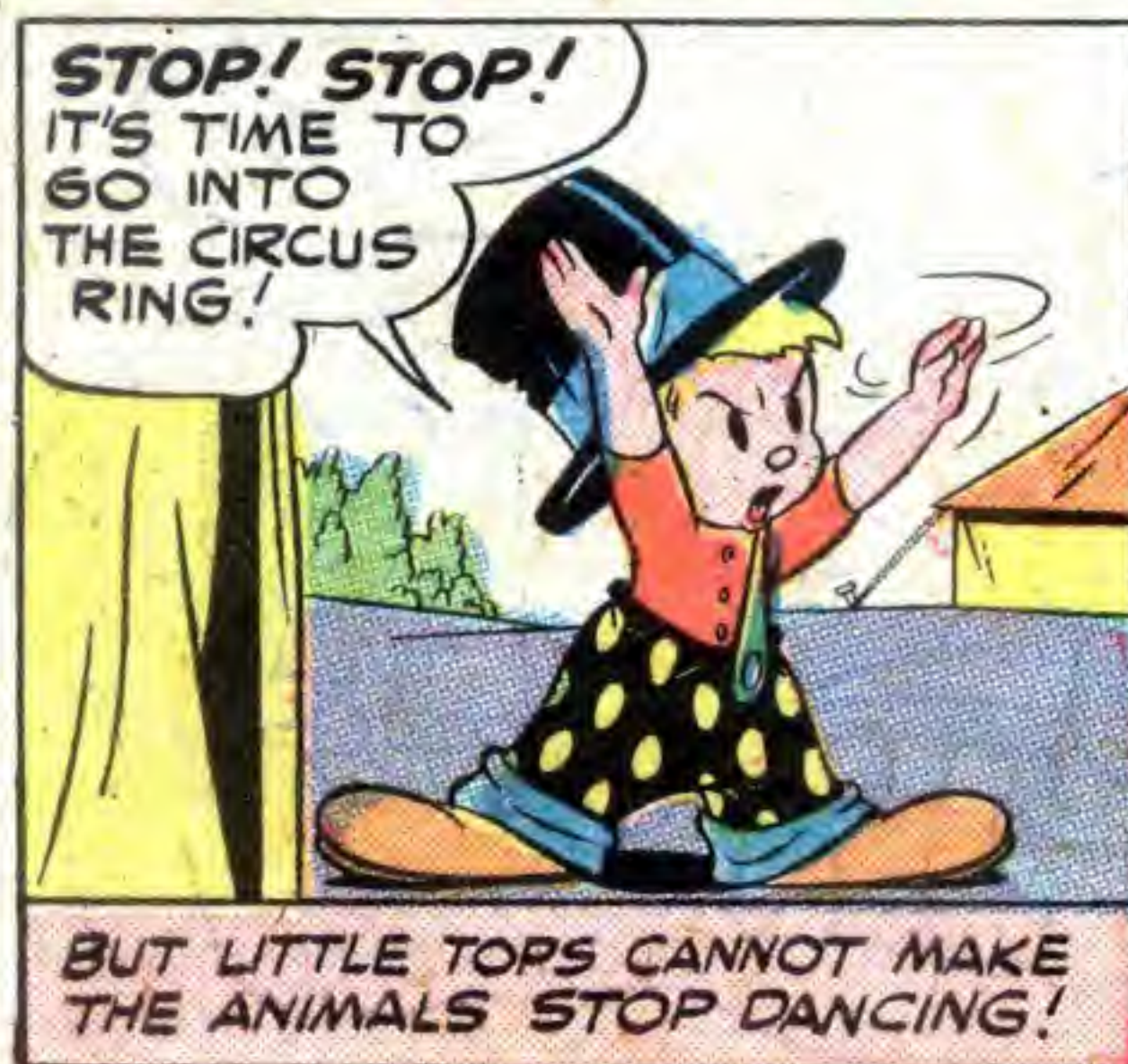
LITTLE TOPS - THE BOY WHO LIVES IN A CIRCUS... HAS AN EXCITING ADVENTURE WHEN HE MEETS THE LOONEY POWDER MAN!



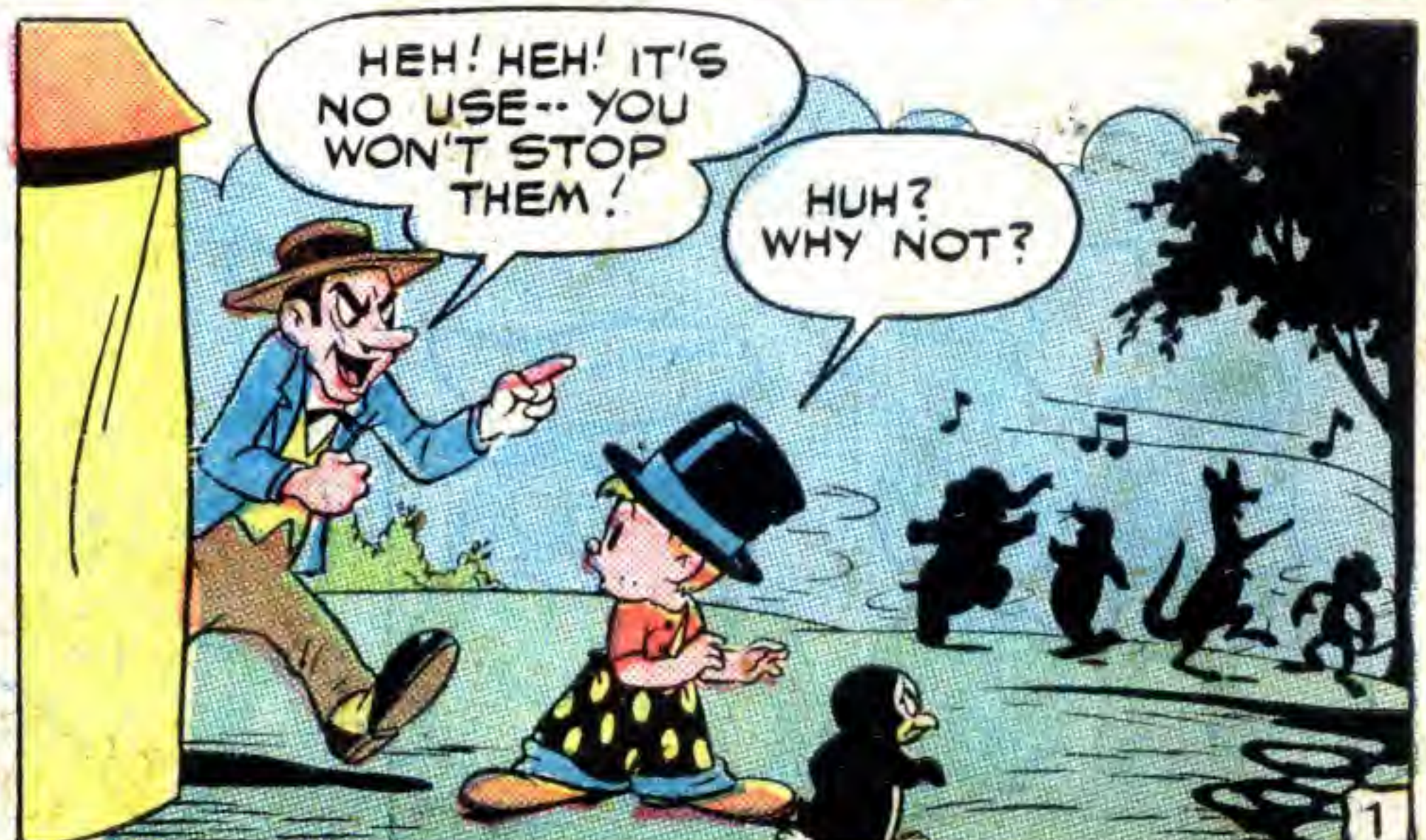
PEE-WEE, FOR GOODNESS SAKE! WHAT'S WRONG? WHERE ARE YOU PULLING ME?



OH WELL - I'LL GO ALONG WITH HIM! I HAVE TO GO AND BRING THE ANIMALS ANYWAY!

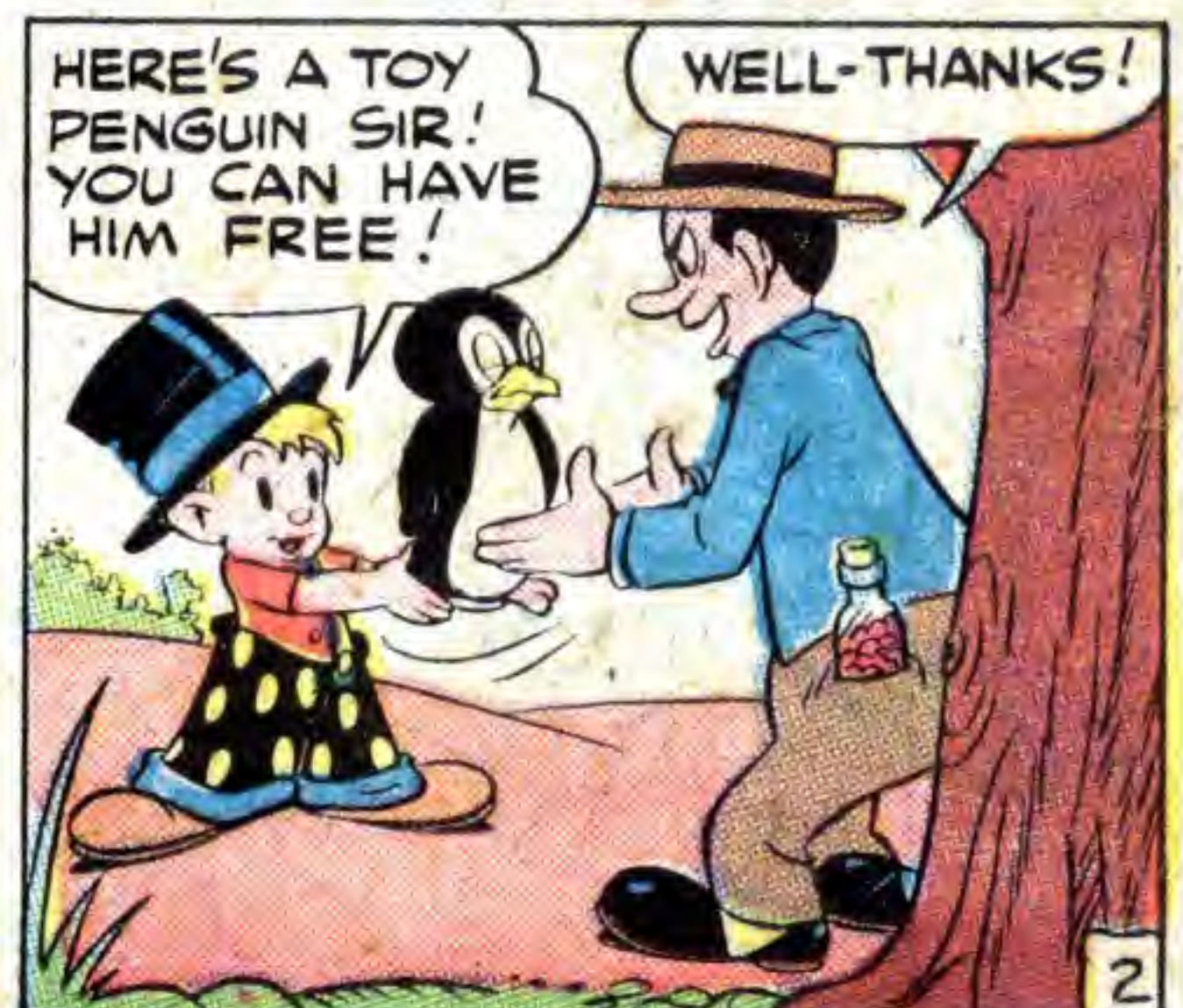
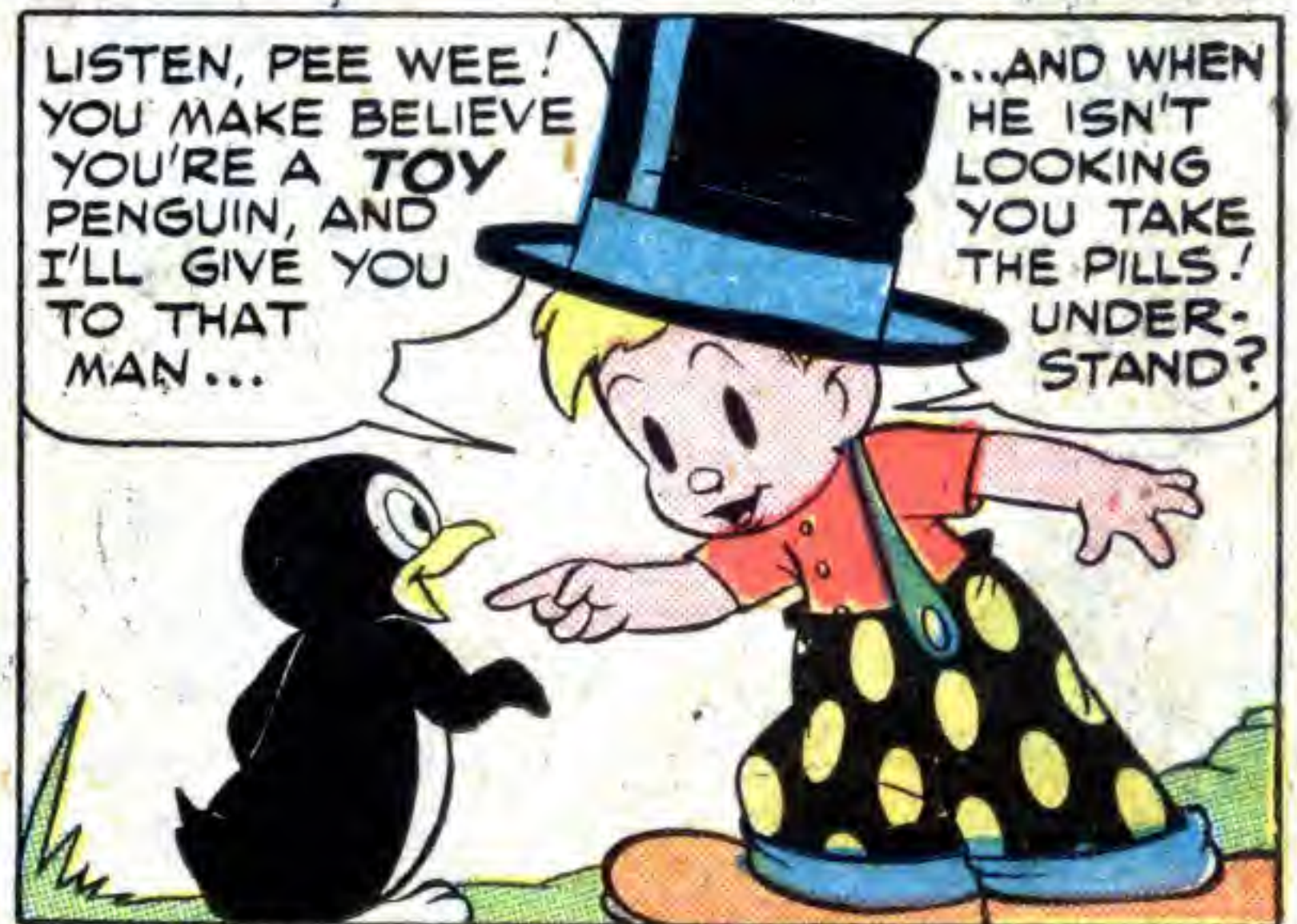
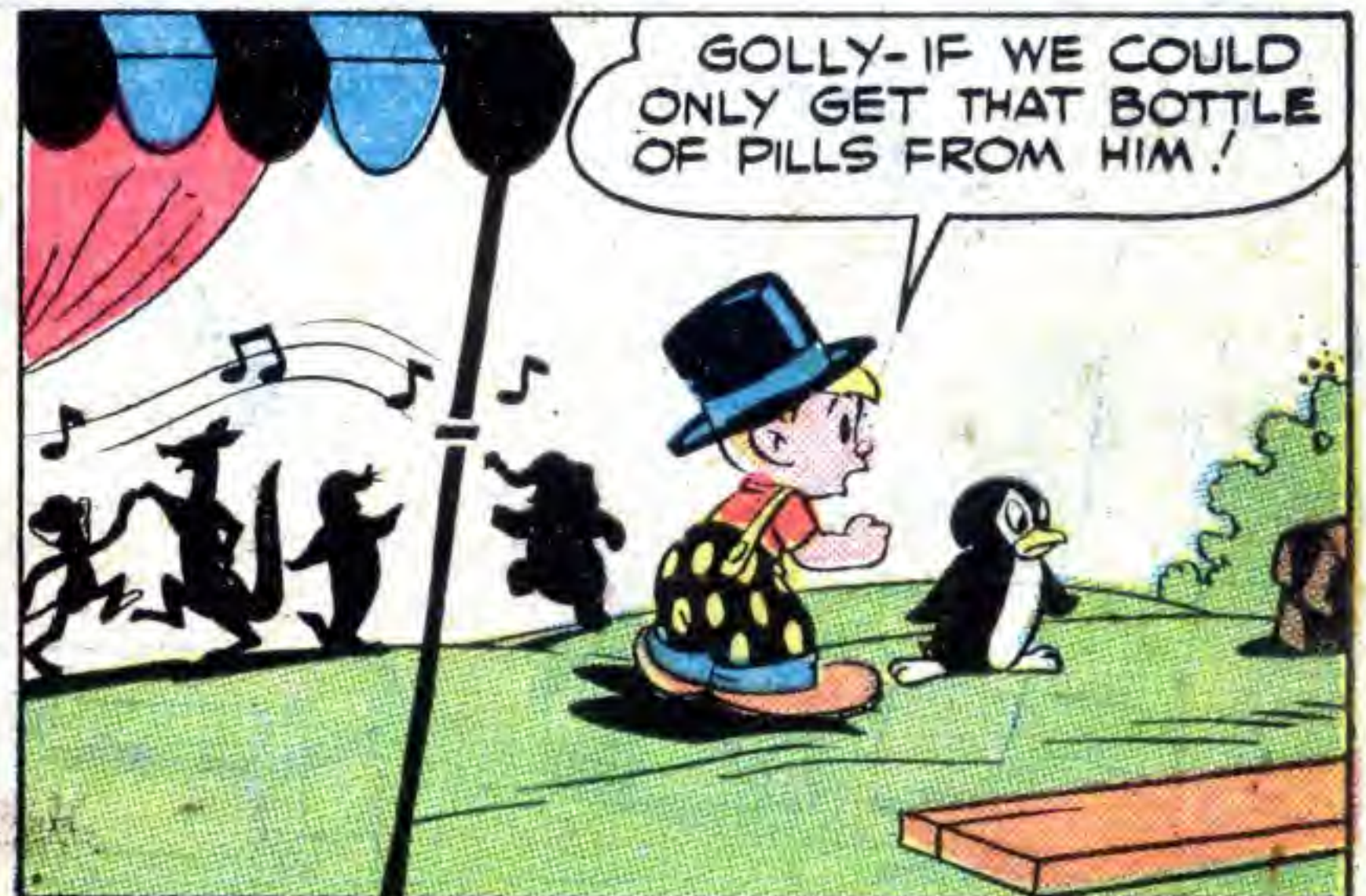
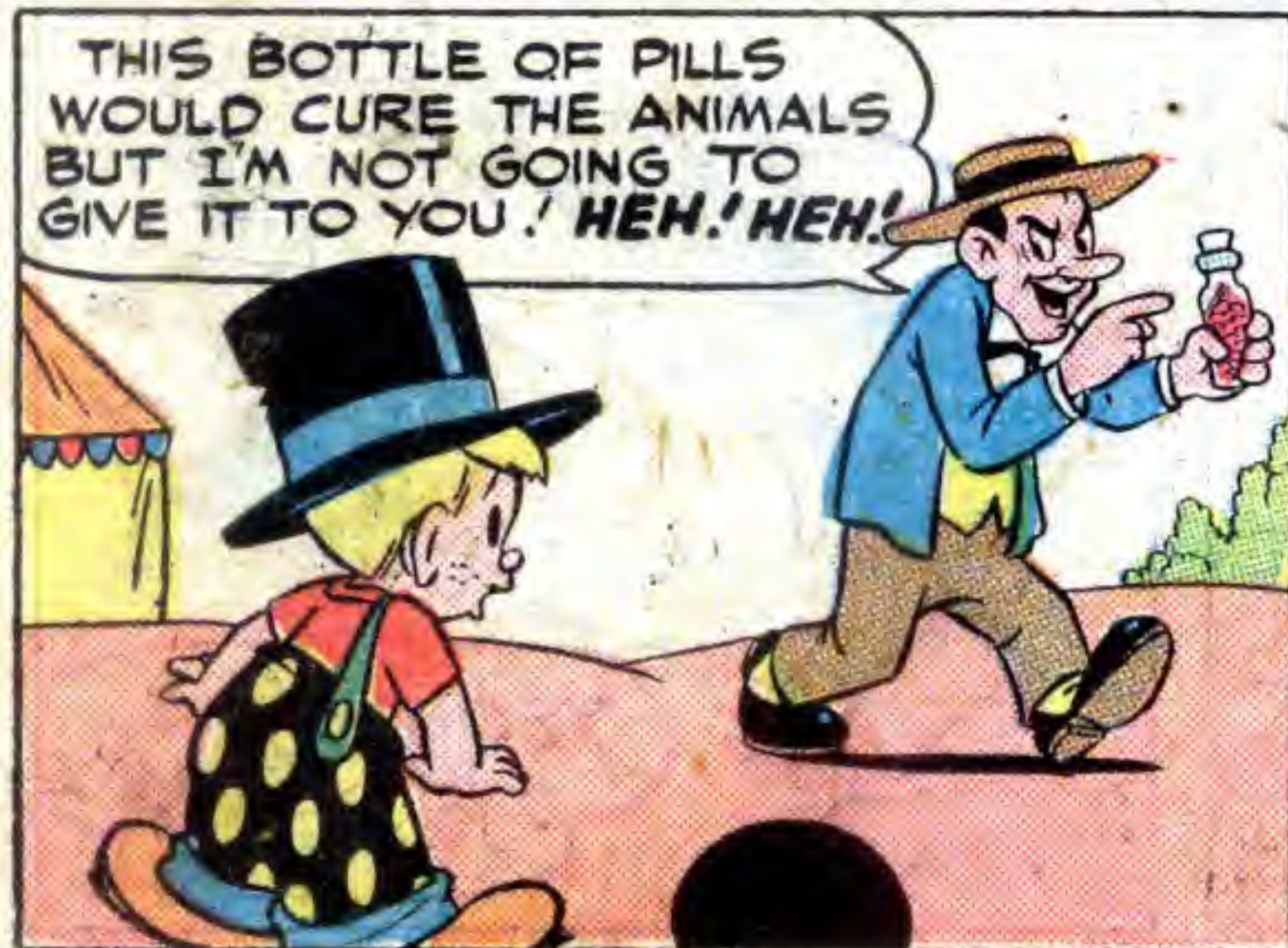
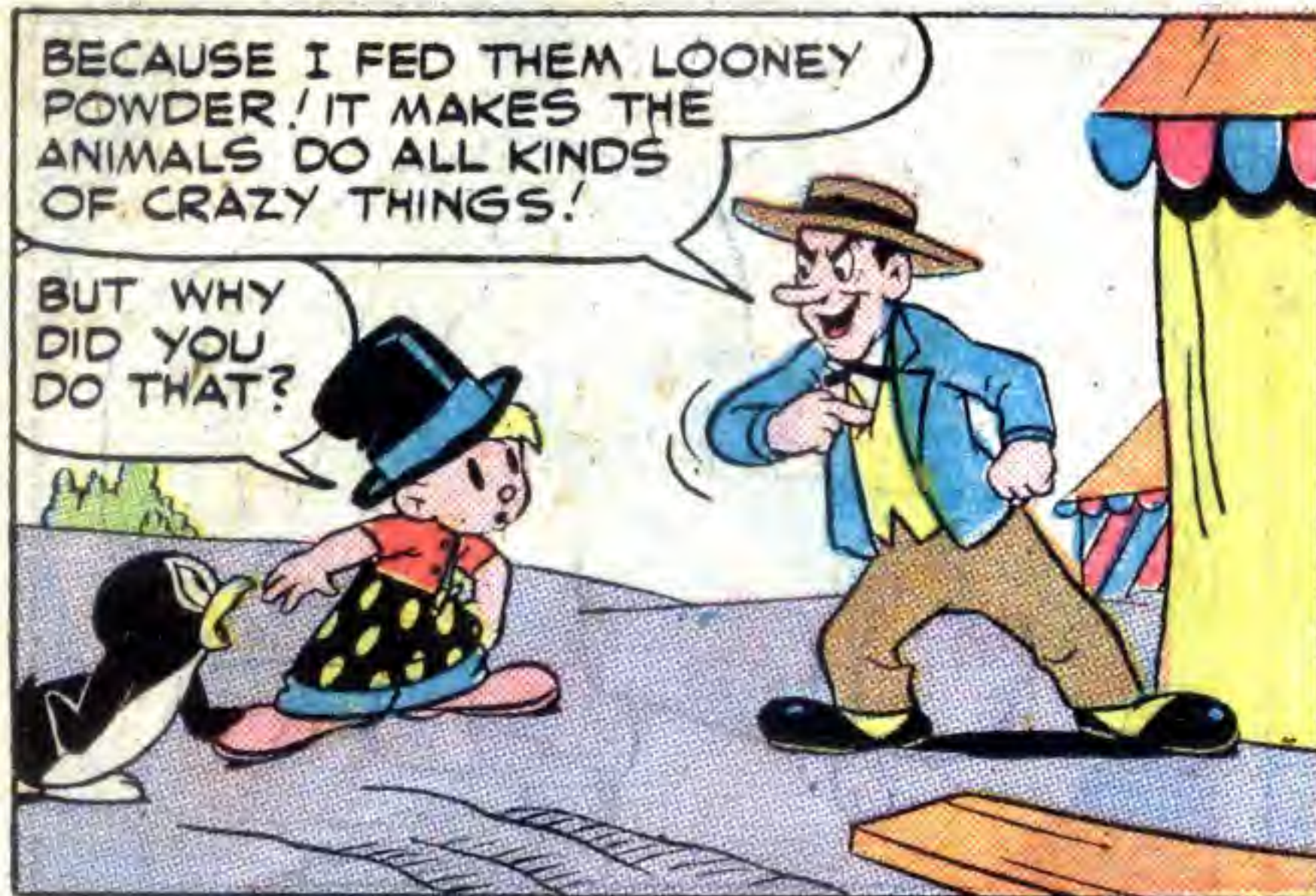


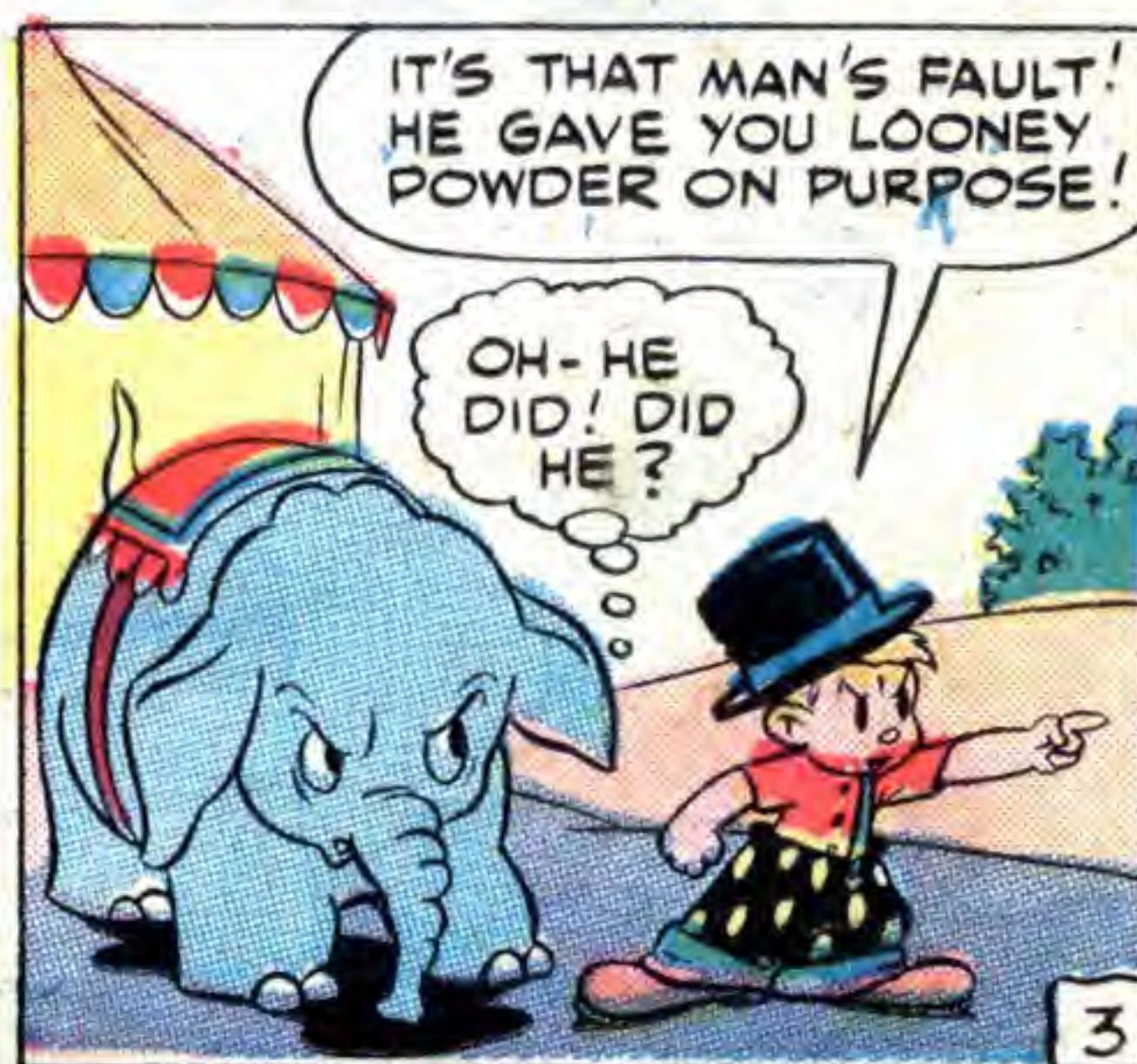
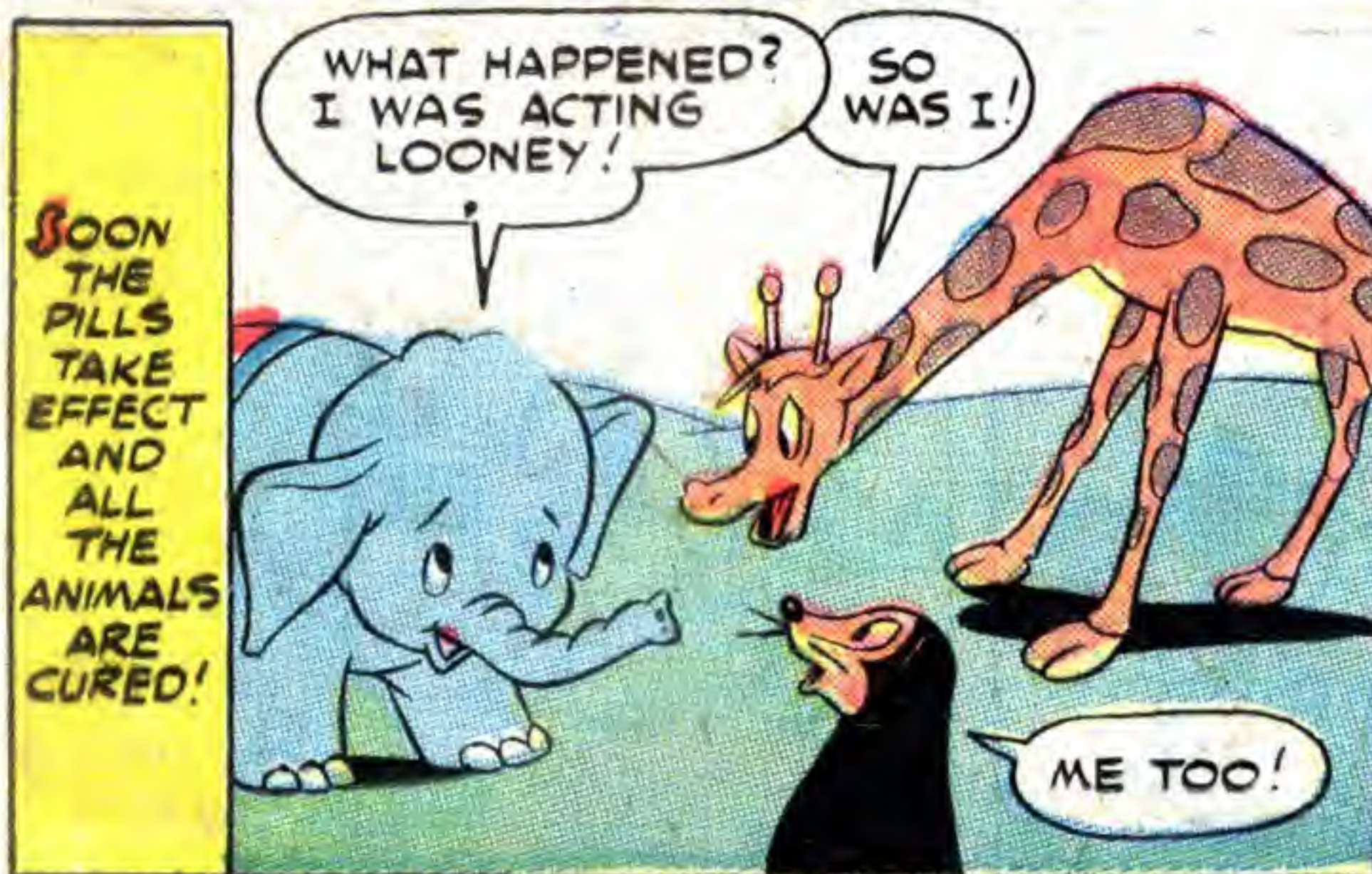
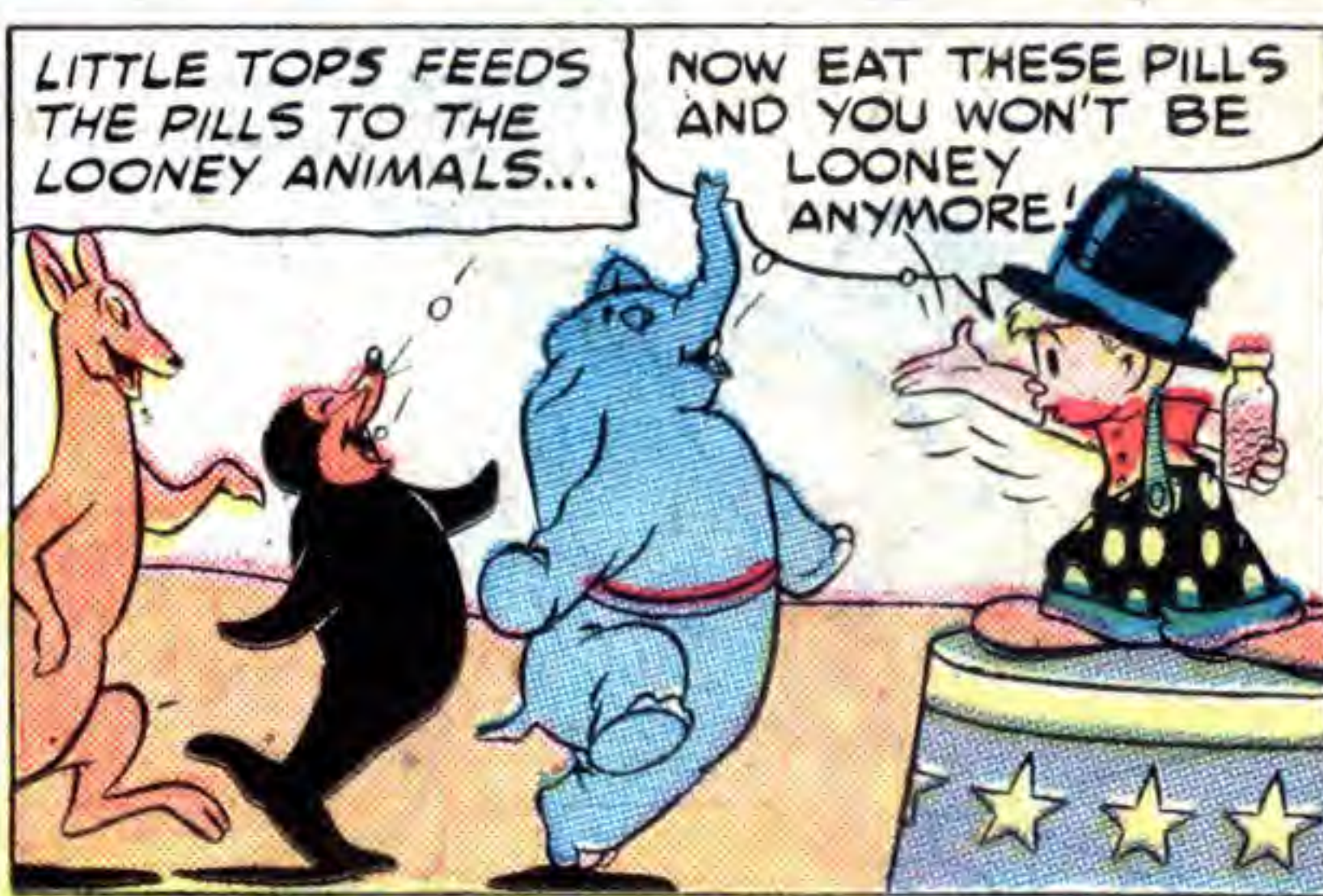
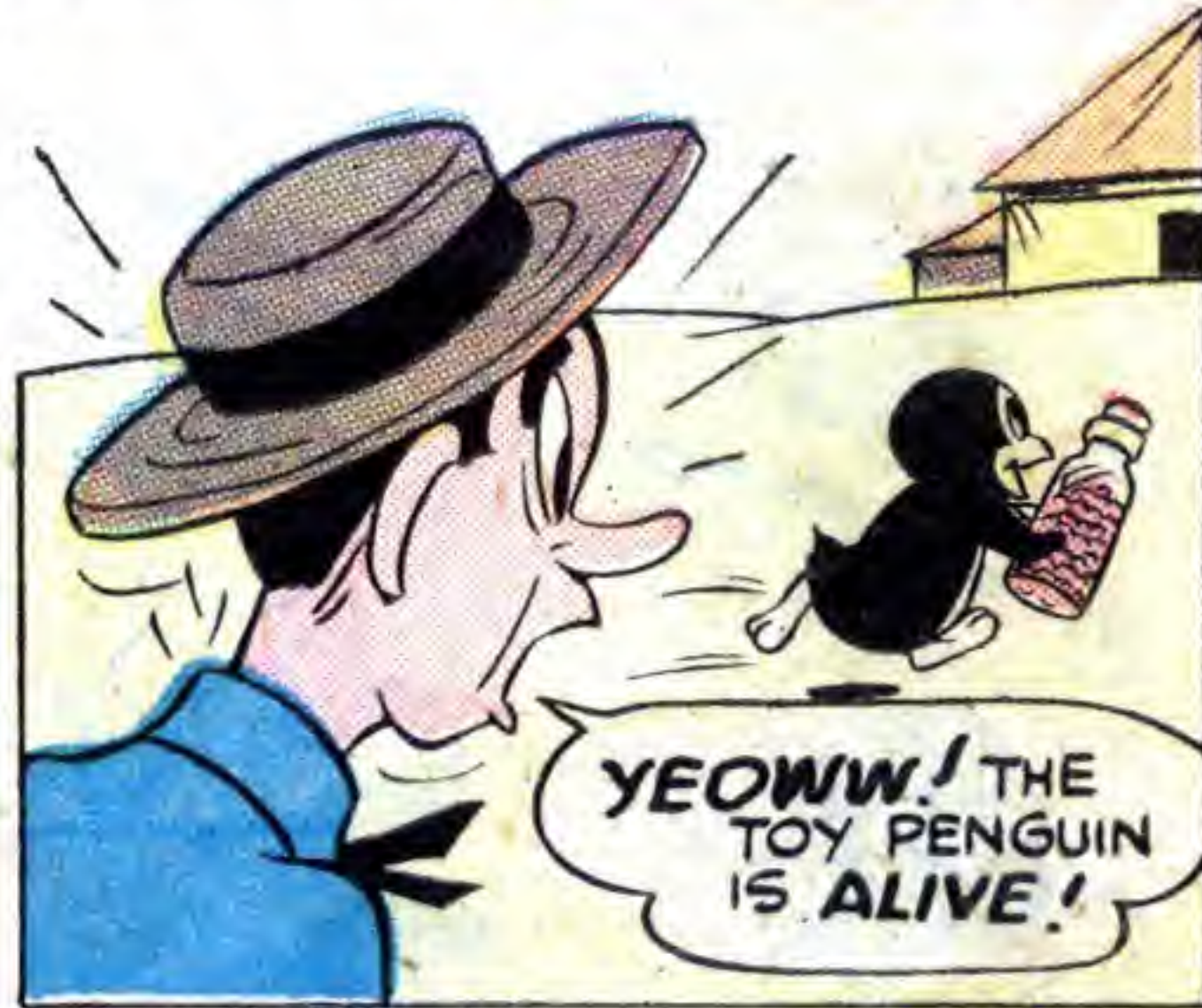
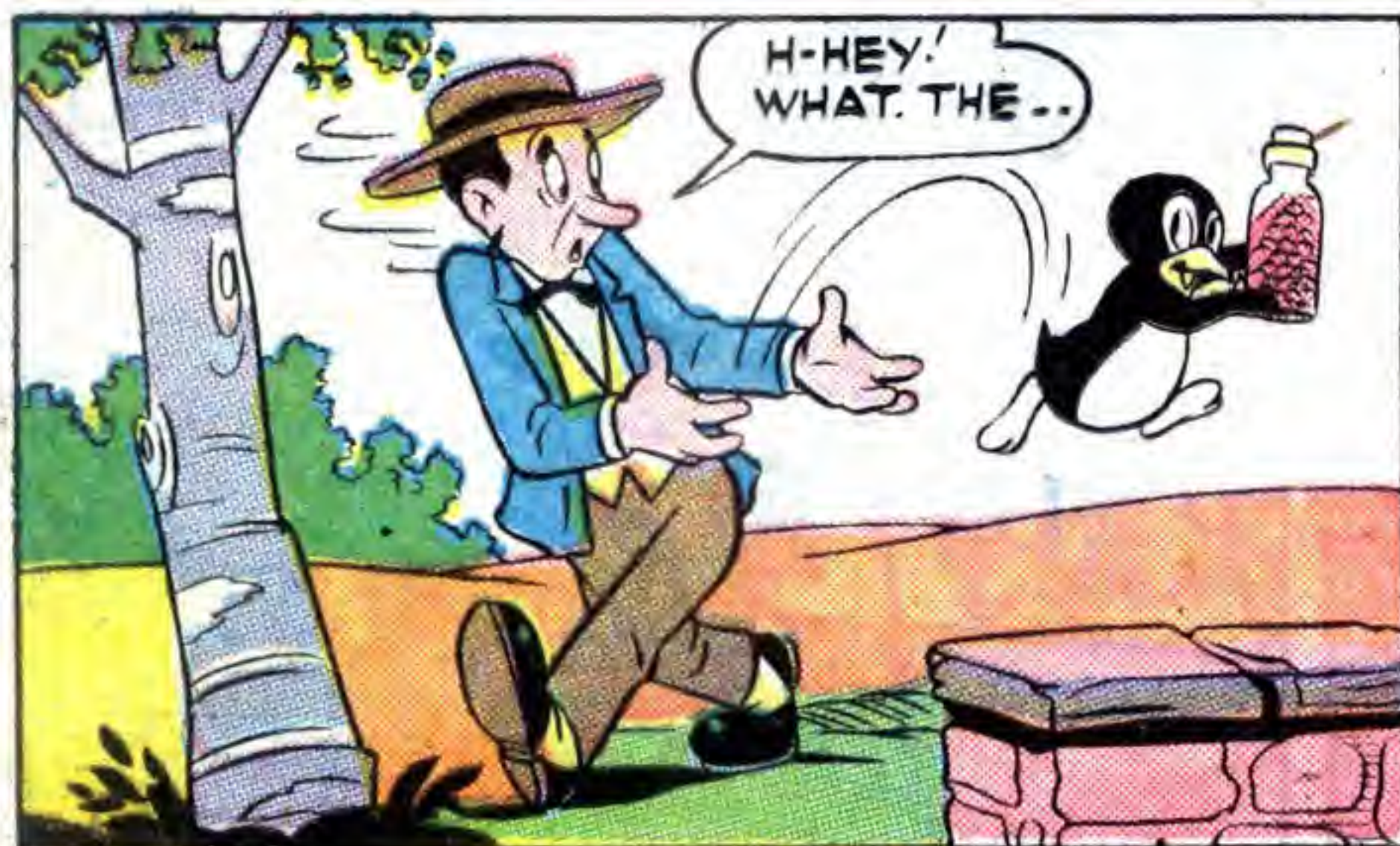
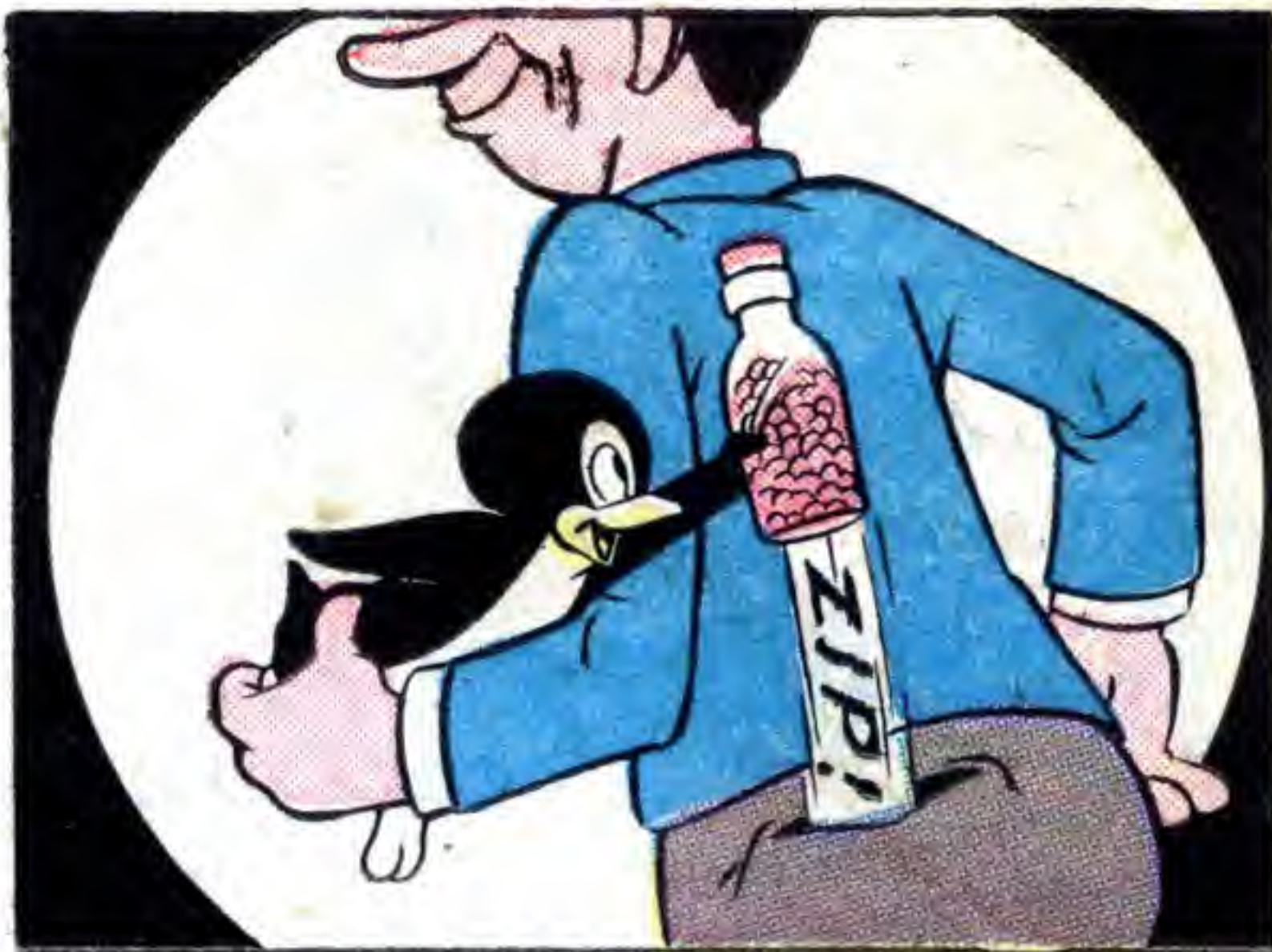
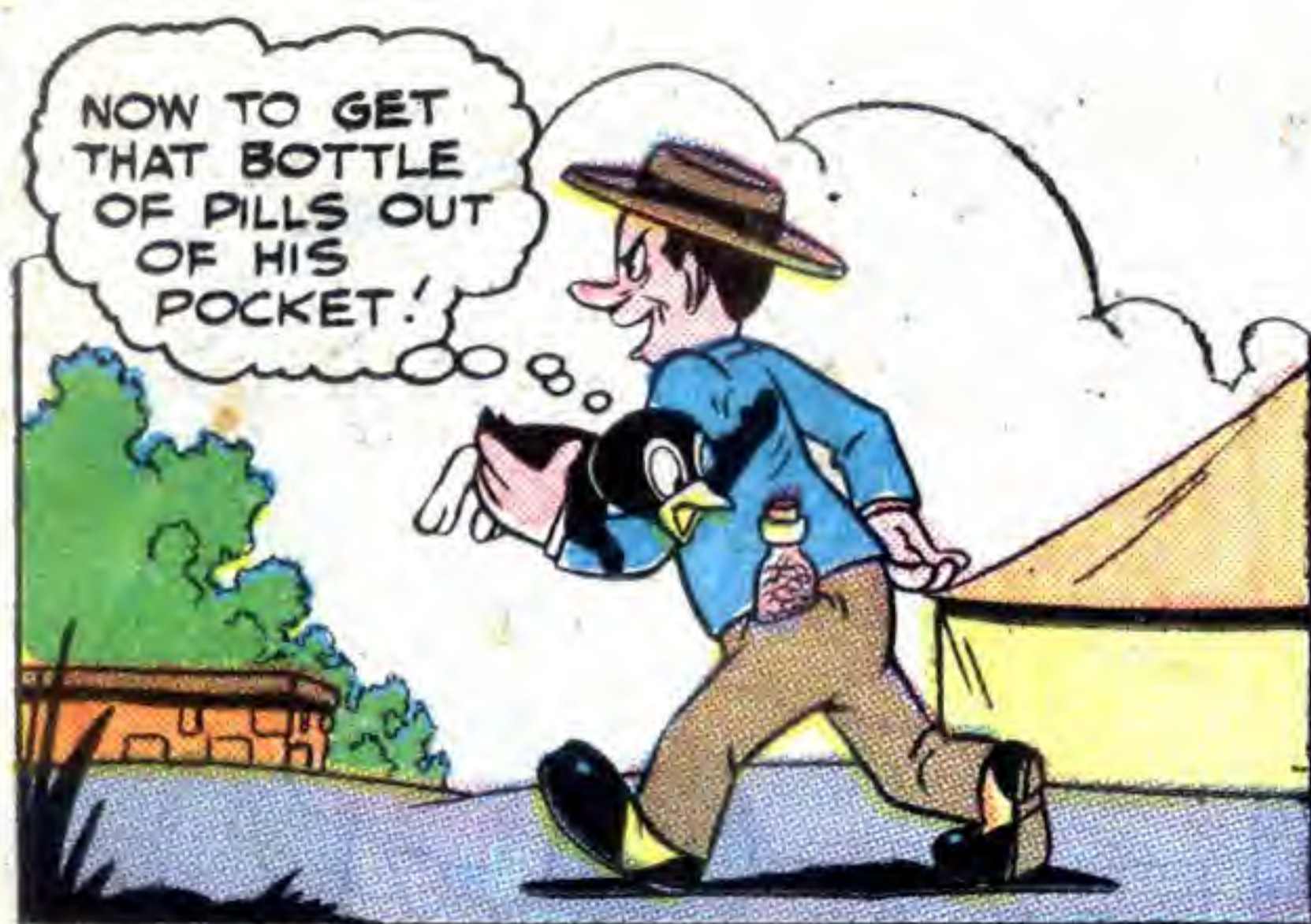
BUT LITTLE TOPS CANNOT MAKE THE ANIMALS STOP DANCING!



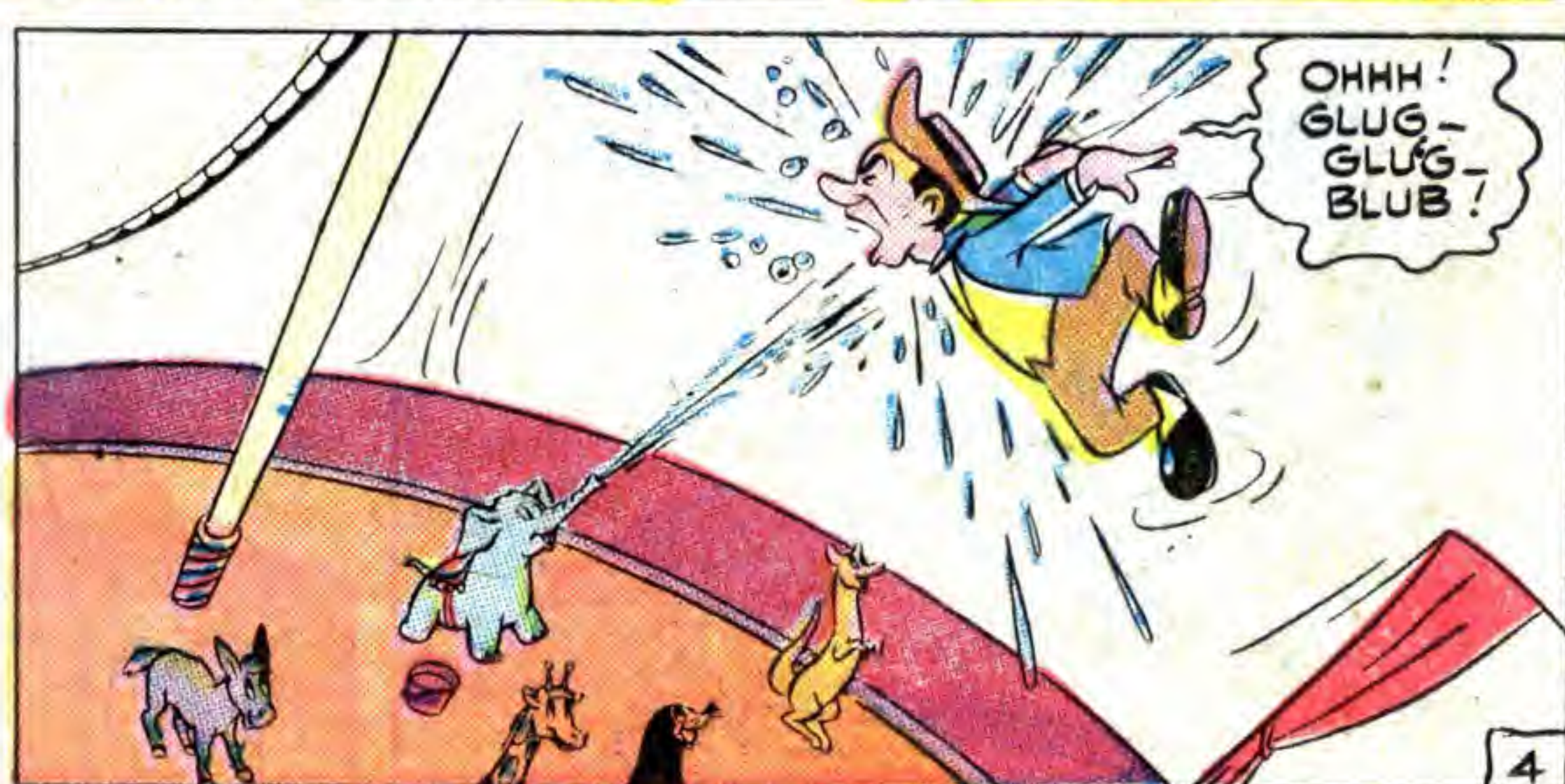
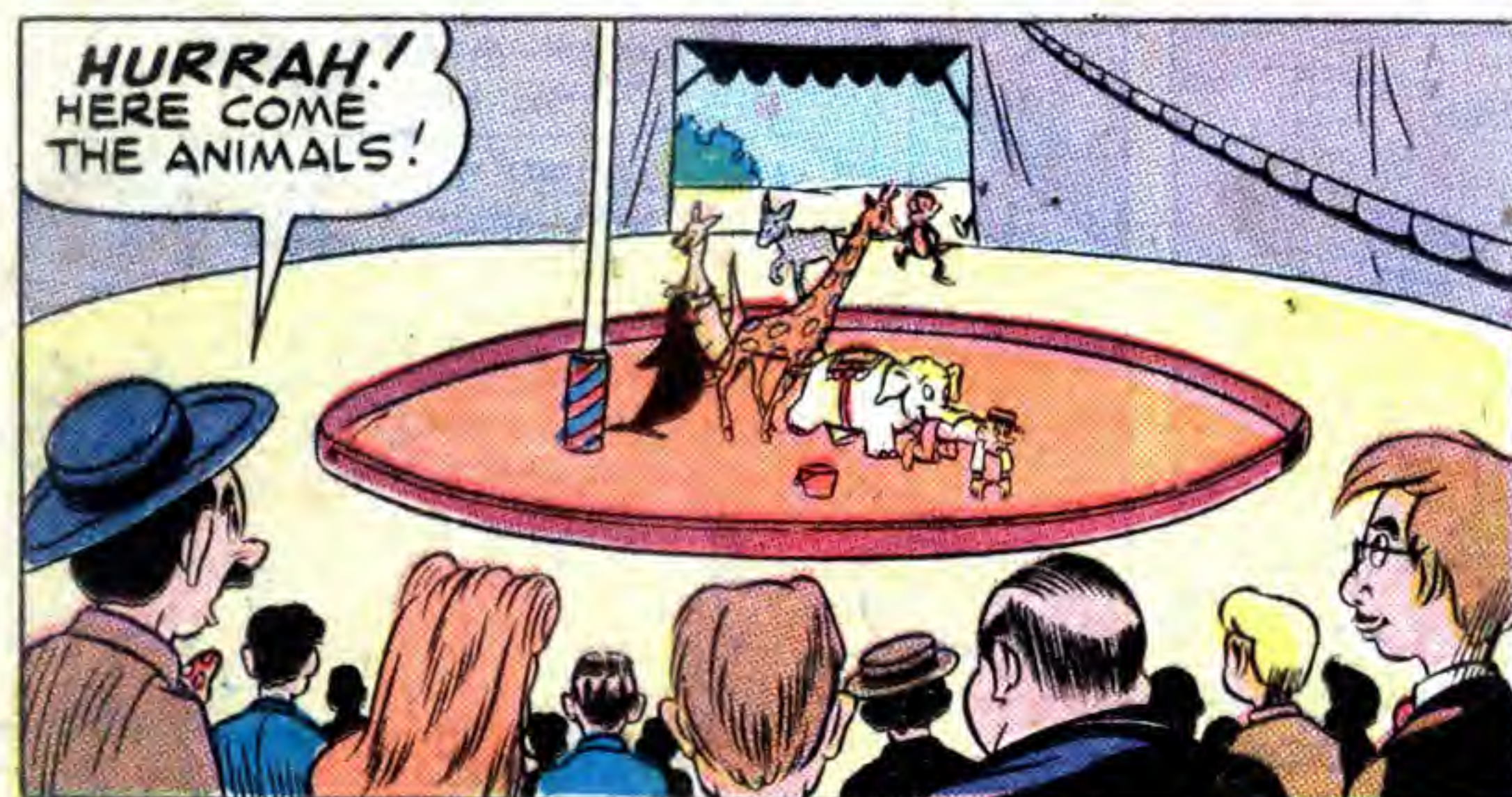
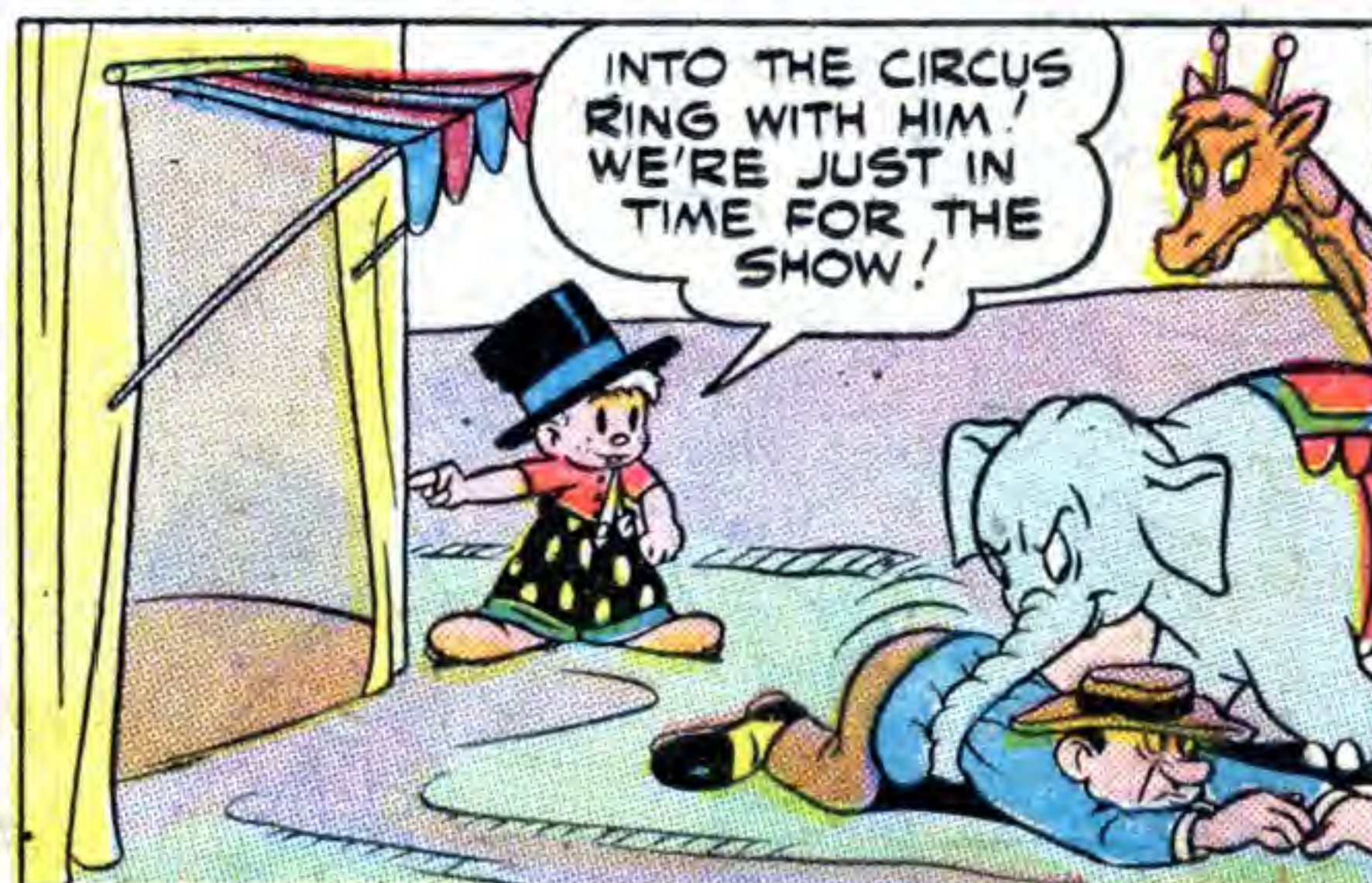
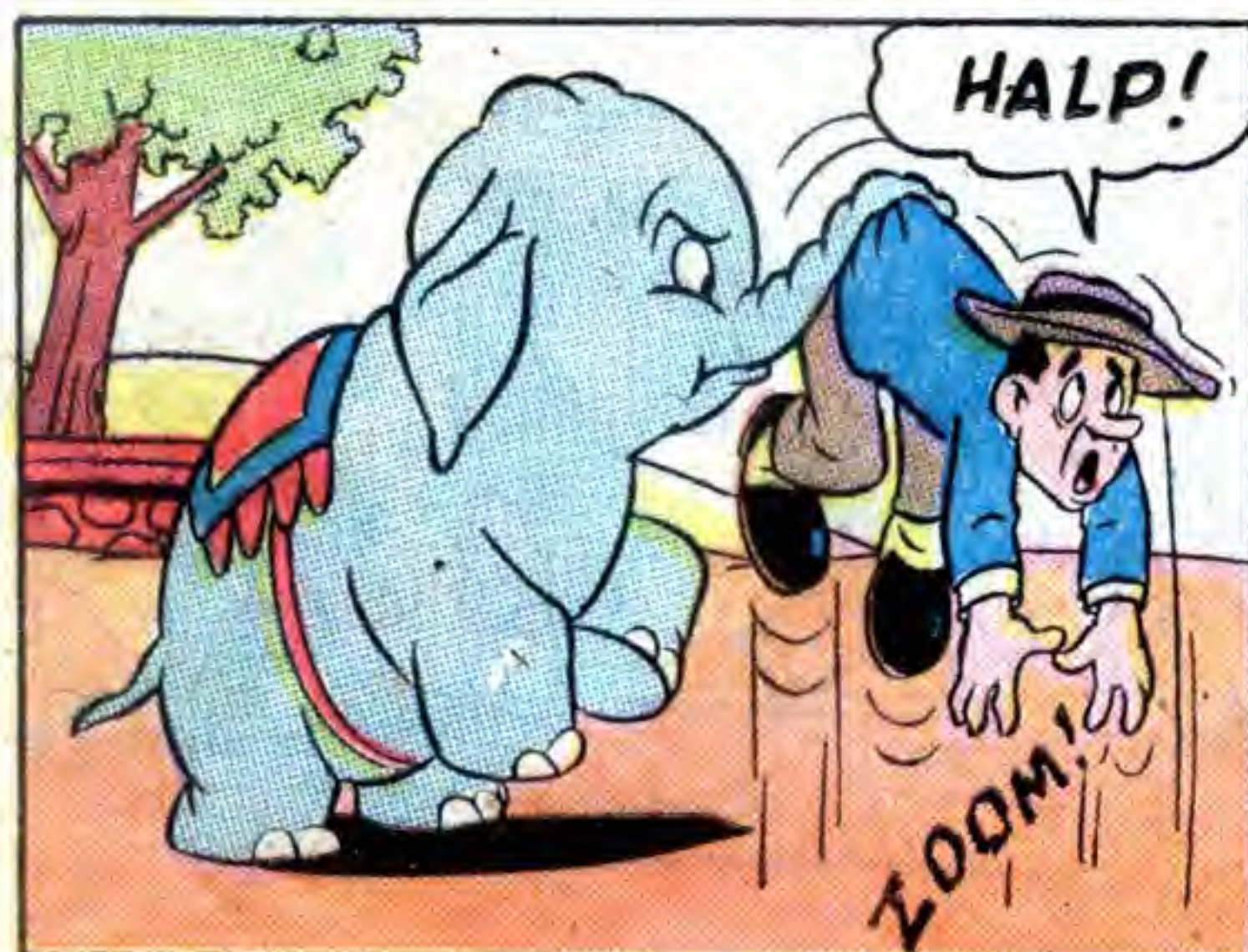
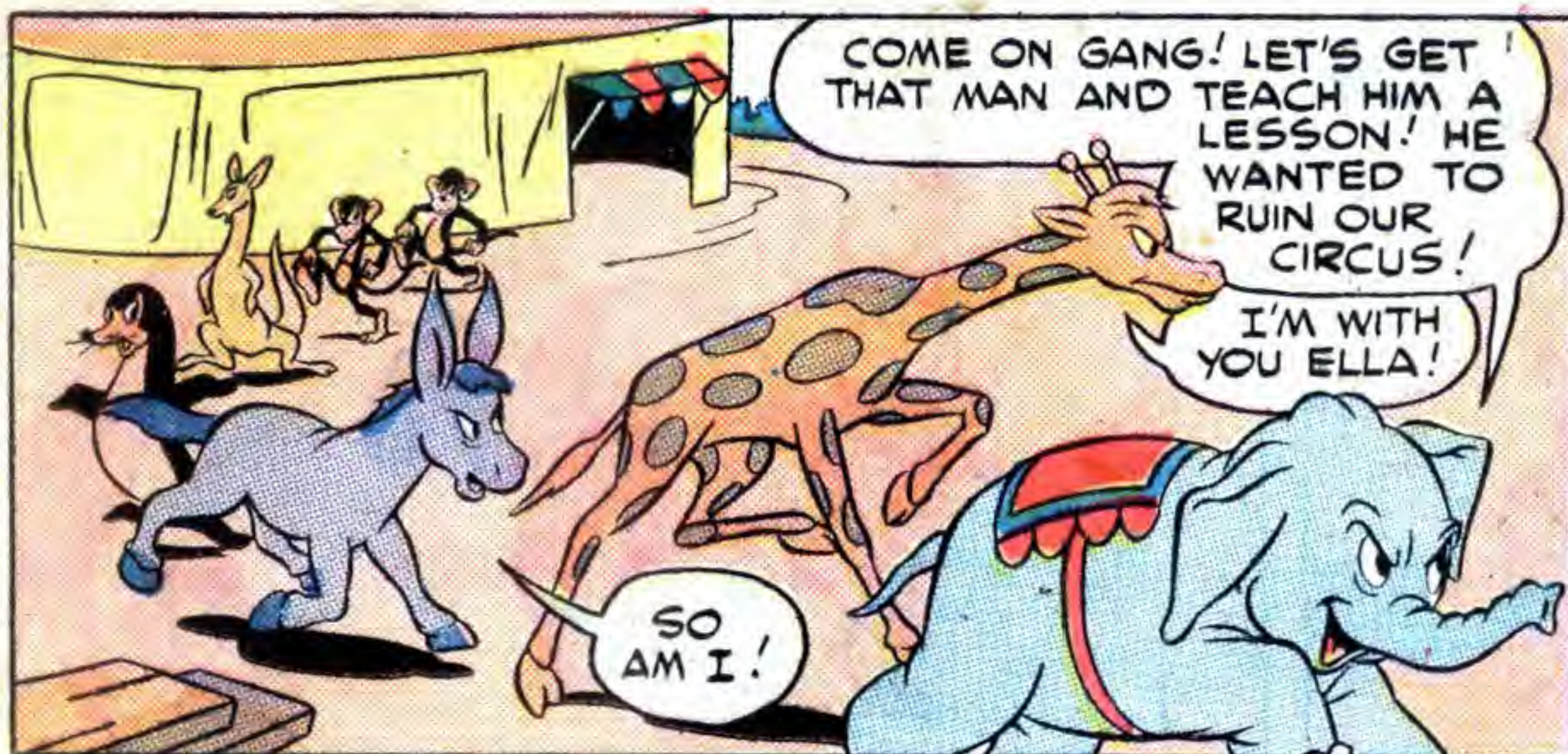
HEH! HEH! IT'S NO USE - YOU WON'T STOP THEM!

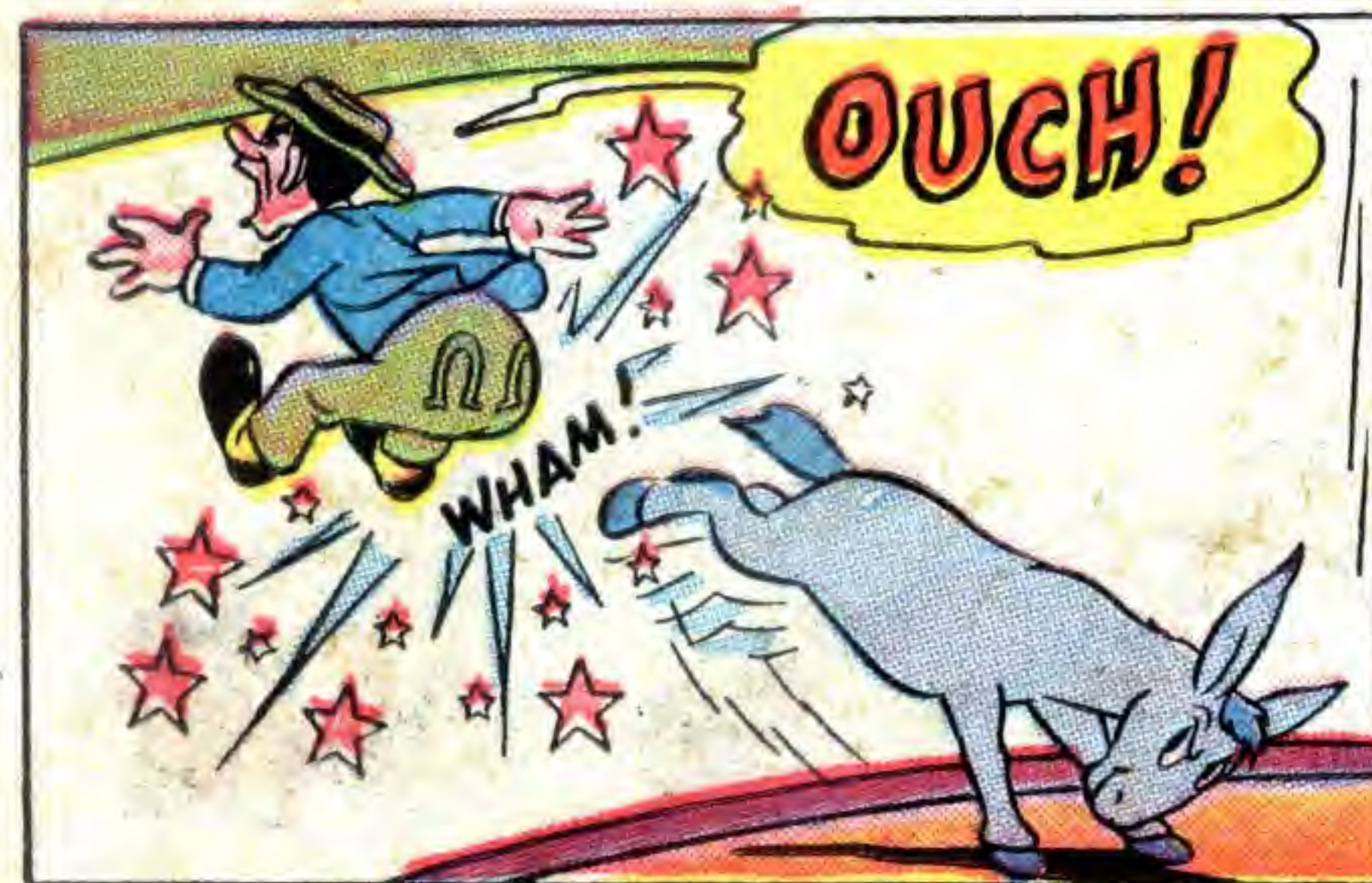
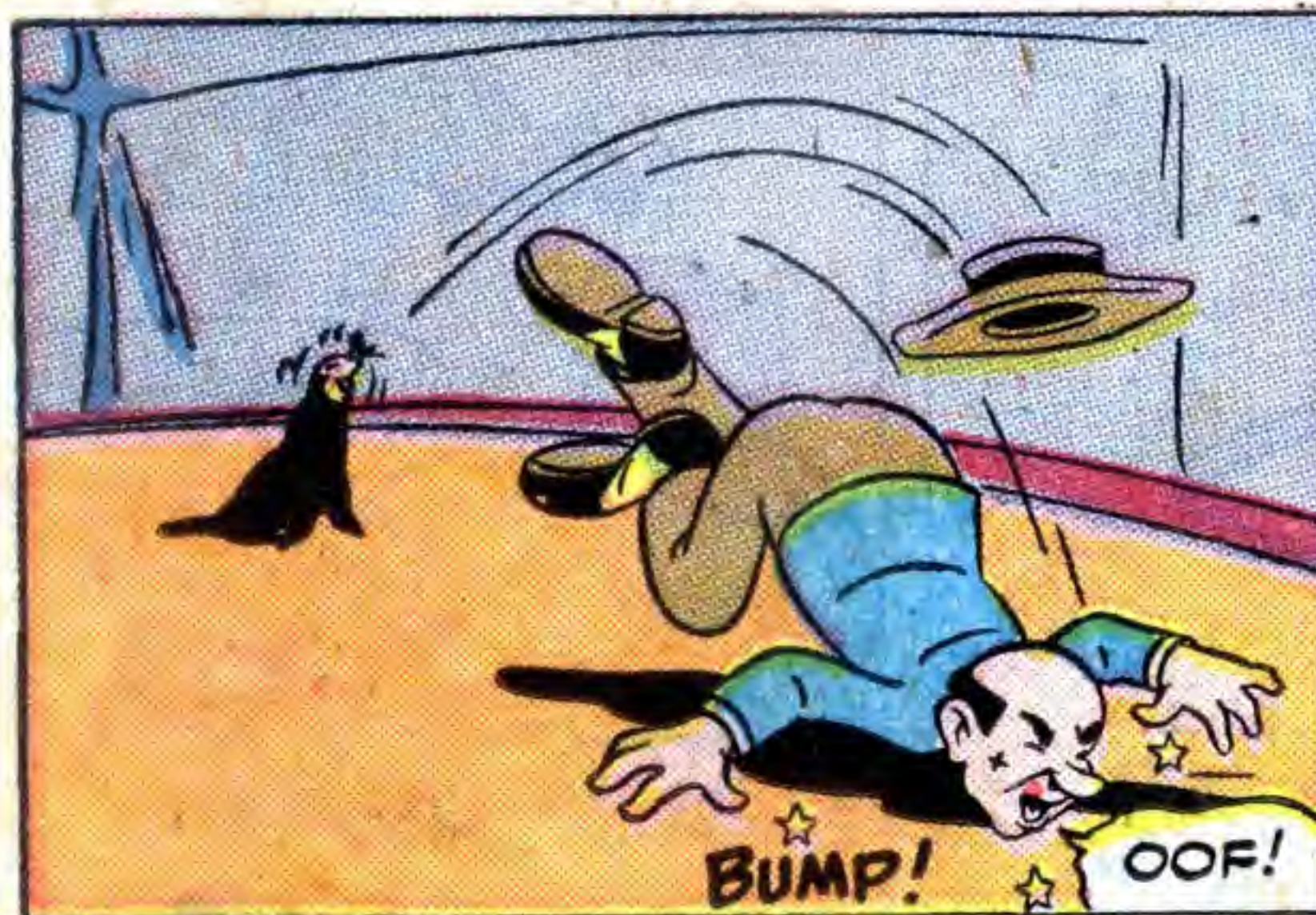
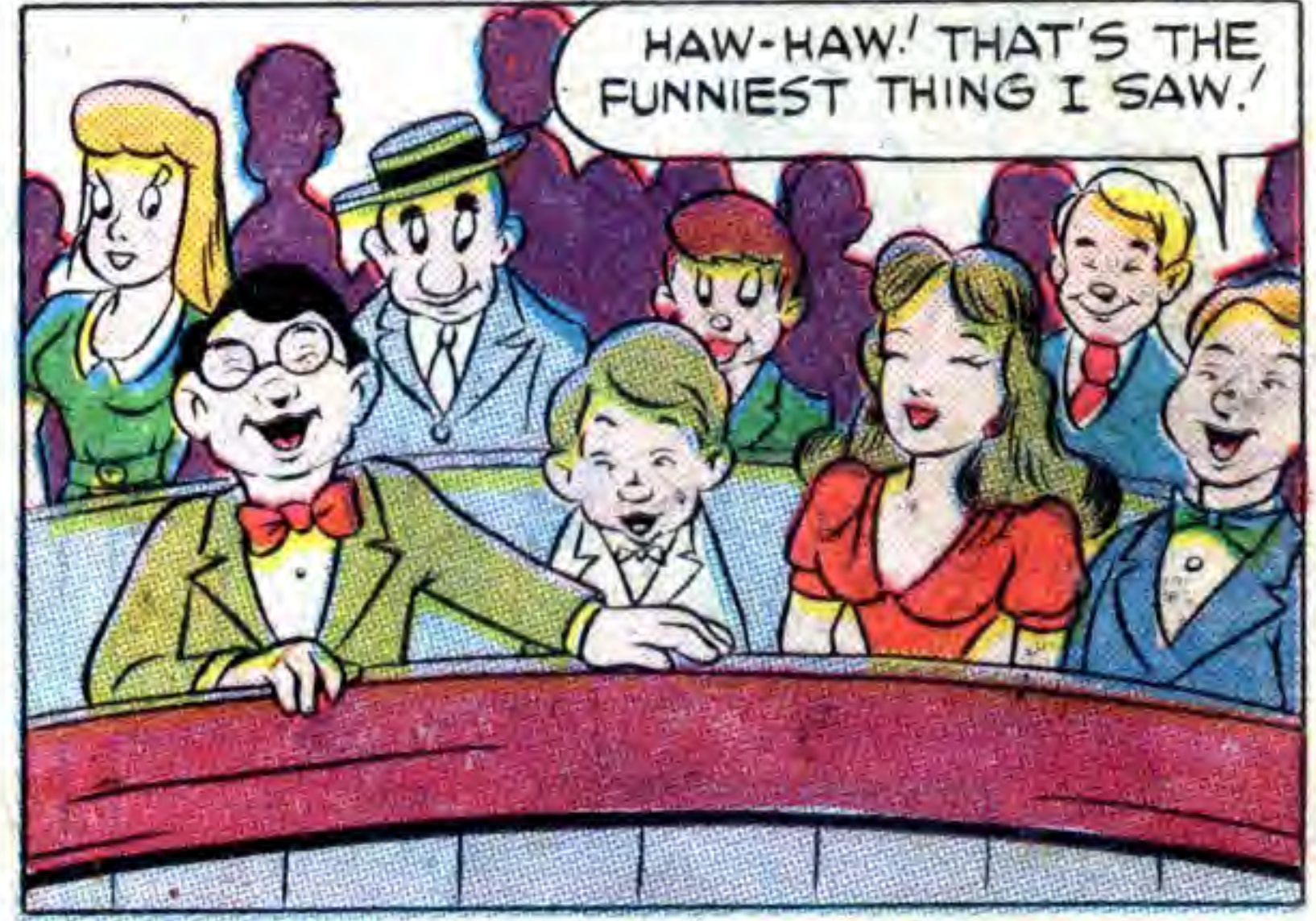
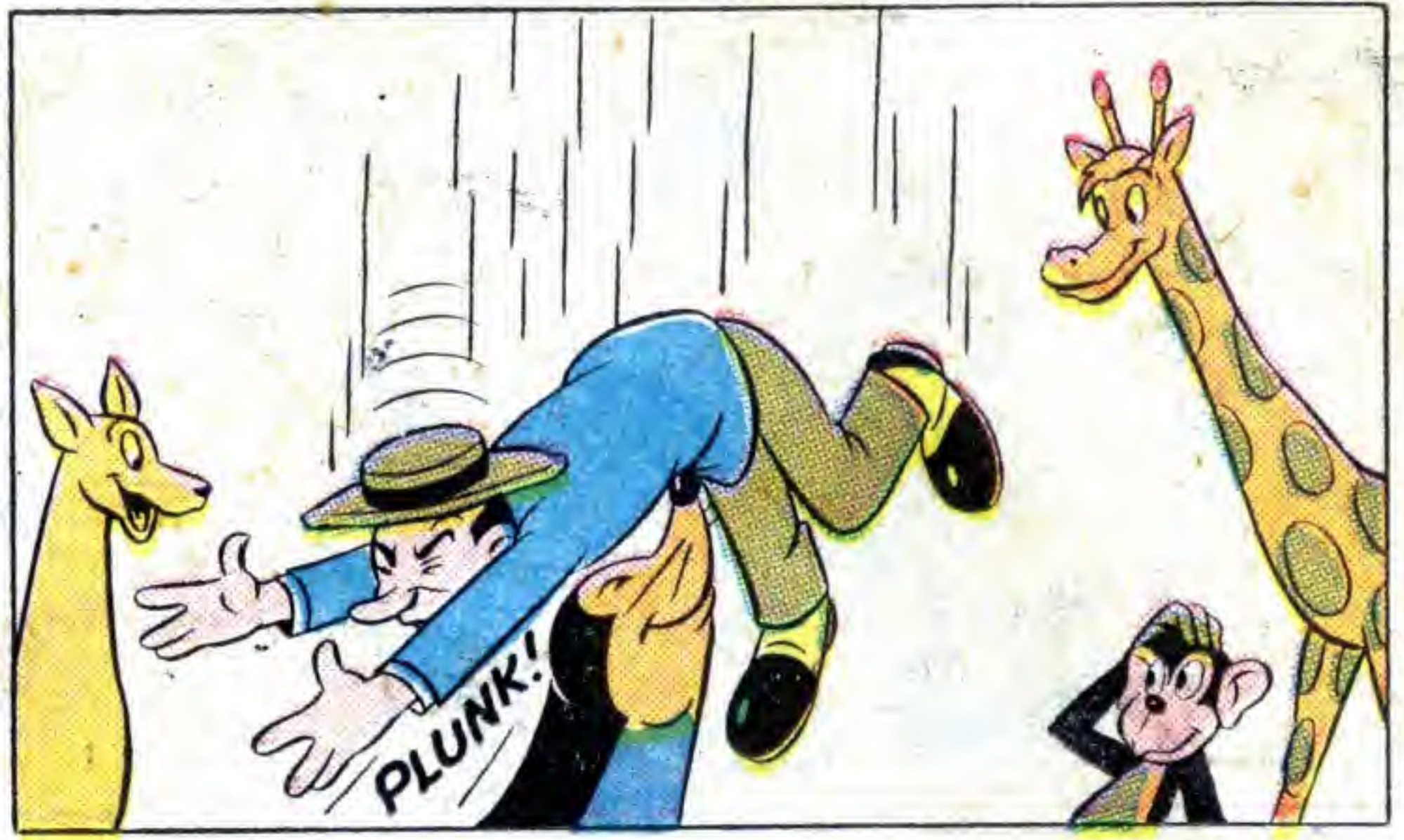
HUH? WHY NOT?

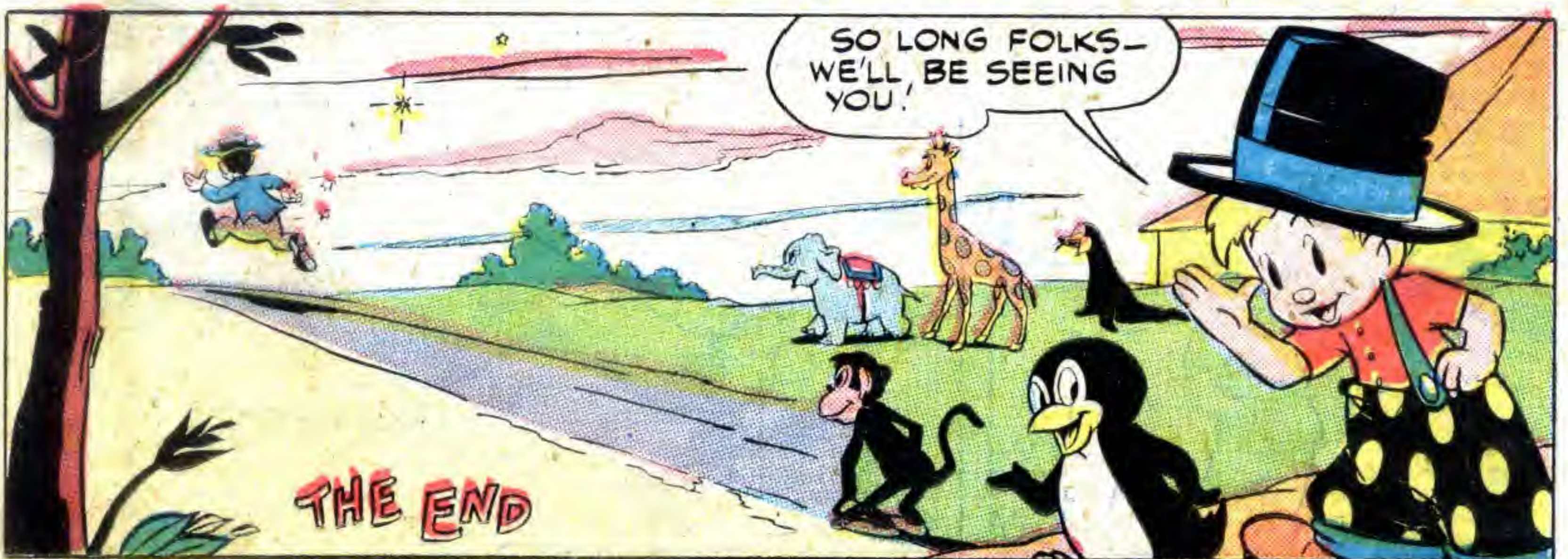
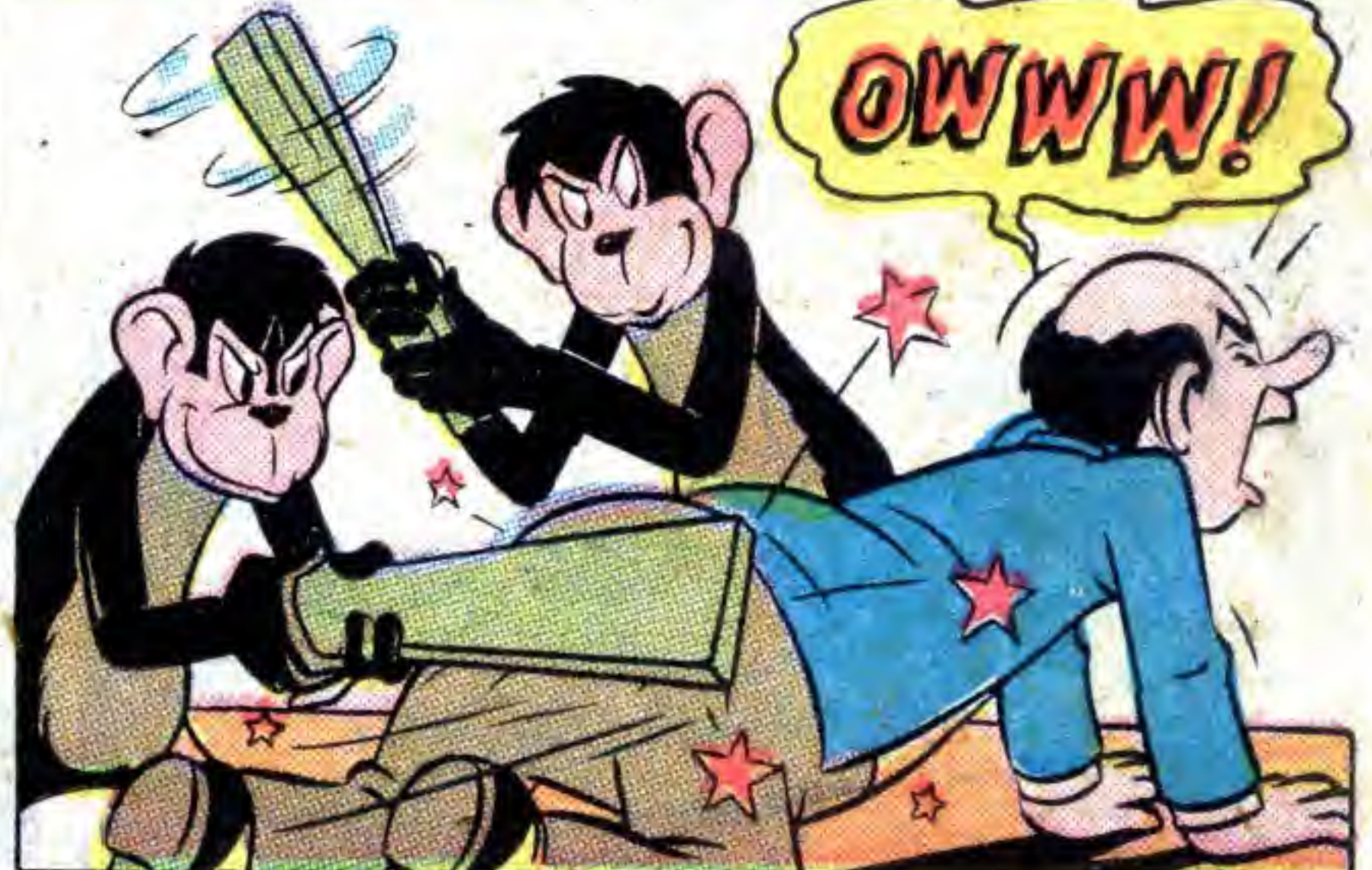
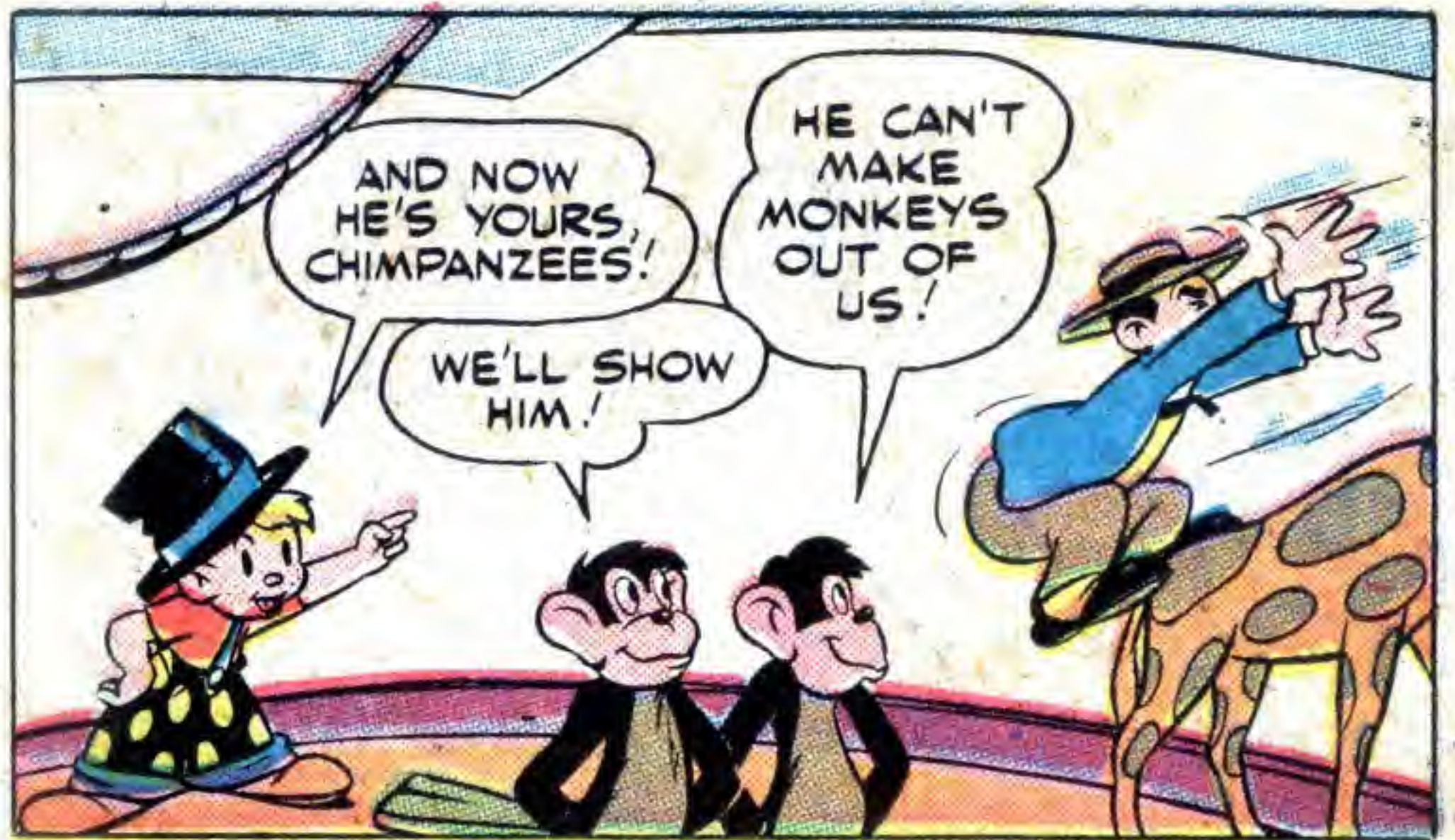


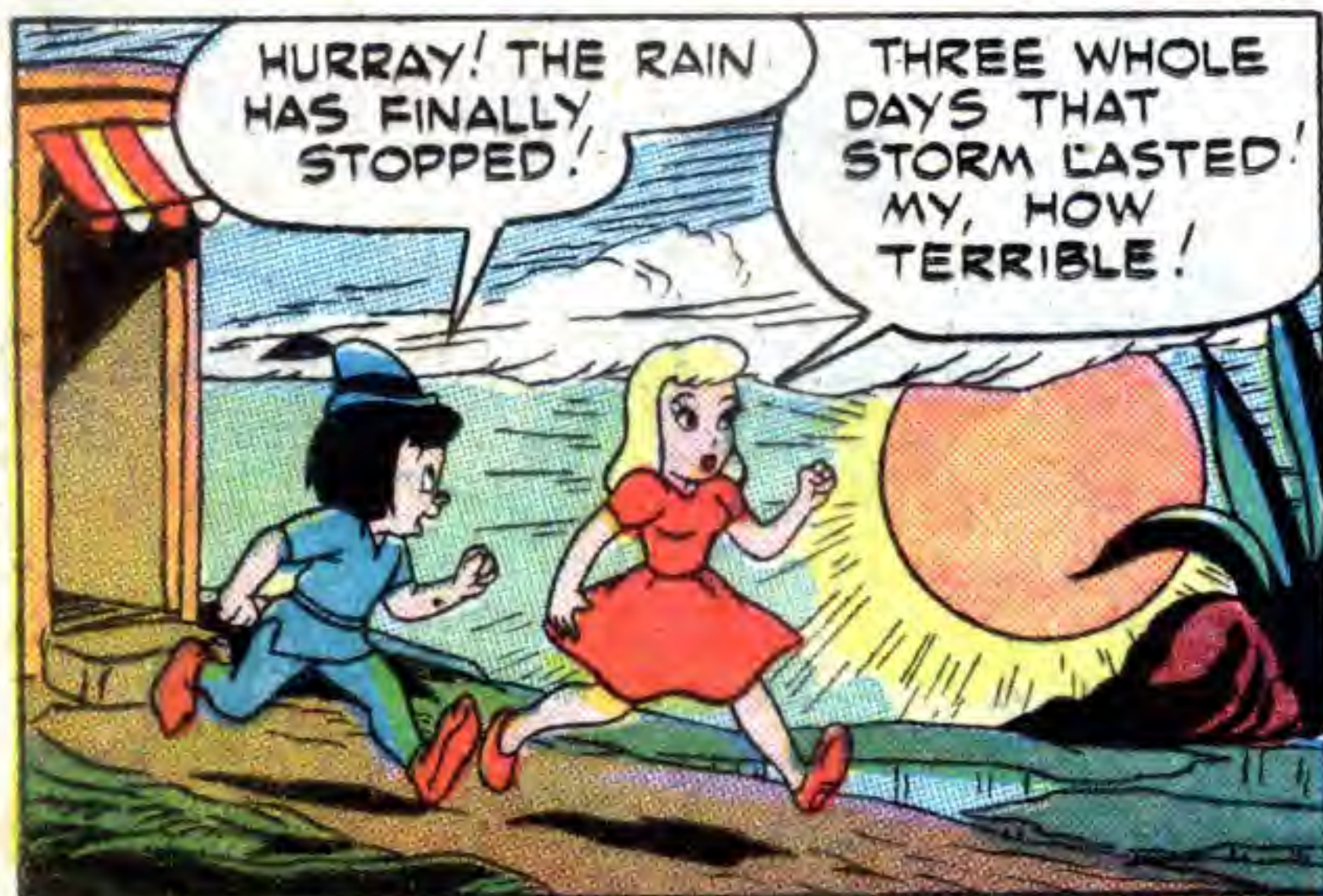


SOON THE PILLS TAKE EFFECT AND ALL THE ANIMALS ARE CURED!



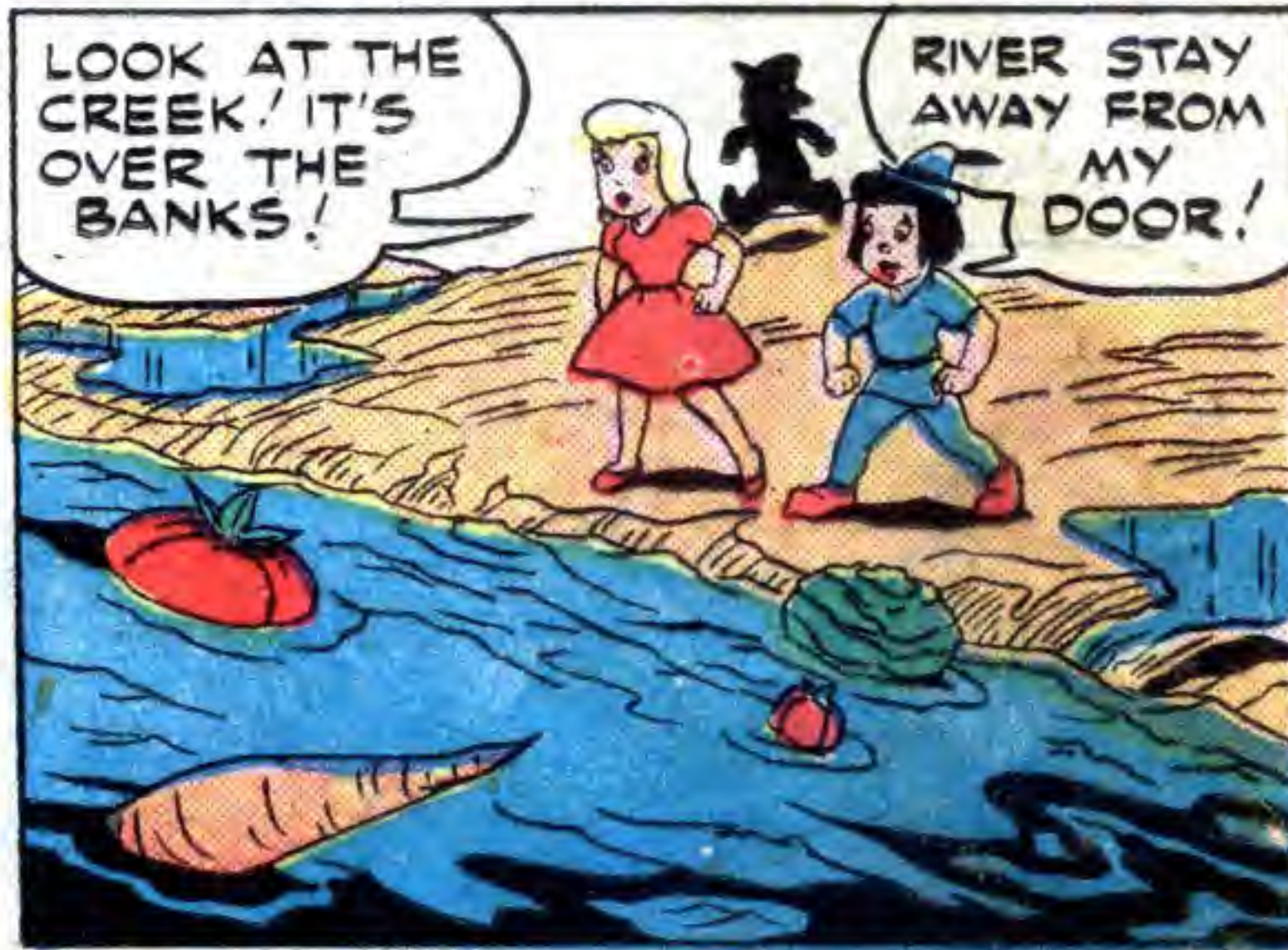






HURRAY! THE RAIN HAS FINALLY STOPPED!

THREE WHOLE DAYS THAT STORM LASTED! MY, HOW TERRIBLE!



LOOK AT THE CREEK! IT'S OVER THE BANKS!

RIVER STAY AWAY FROM MY DOOR!



THE BRIDGE IS WASHED AWAY! HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET FOOD ACROSS THE RIVER FROM THE GARDENS?

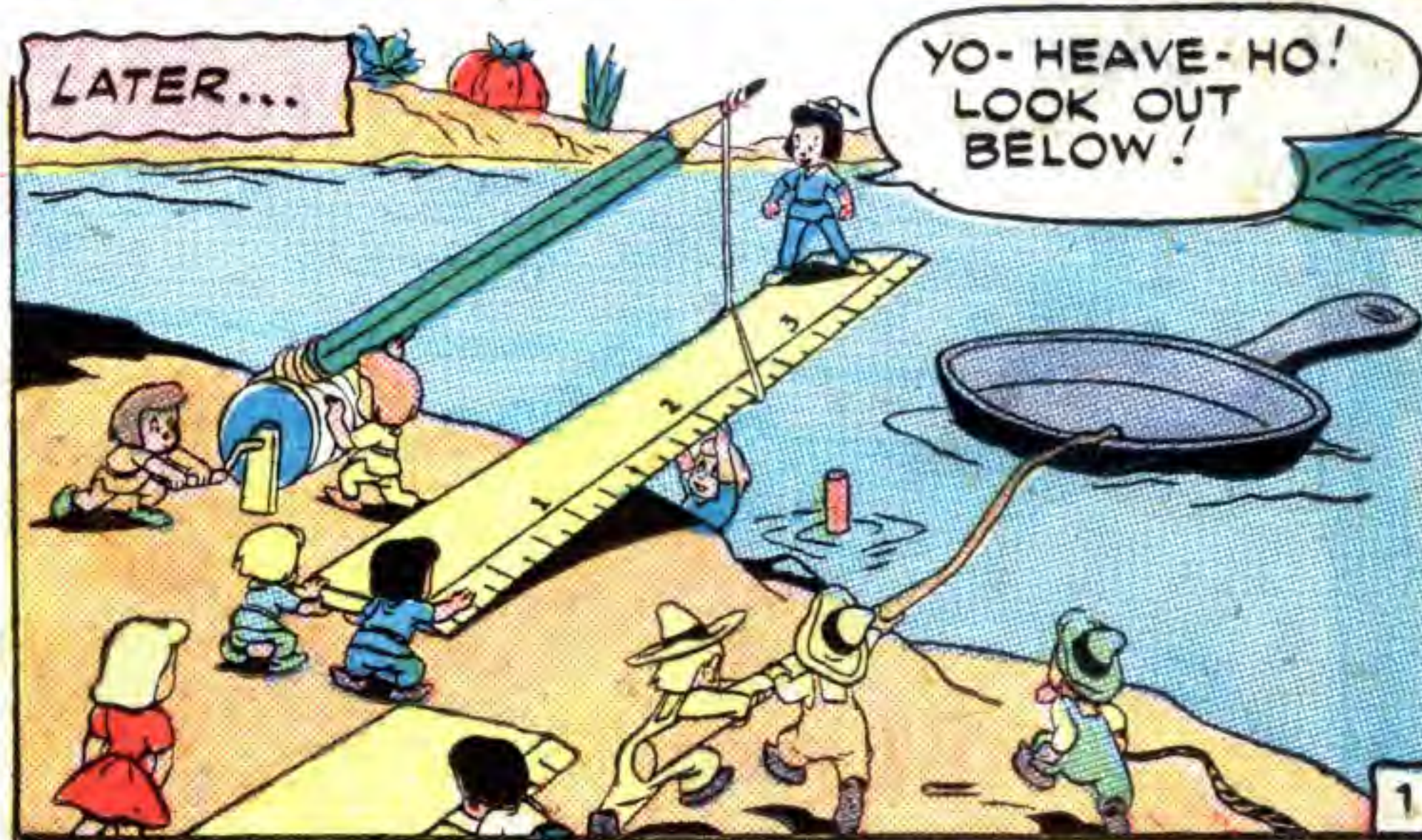


WE NEVER COULD BUILD A BRIDGE ACROSS THAT RIVER!

BUT WE MUST OR WE WILL STARVE! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!!

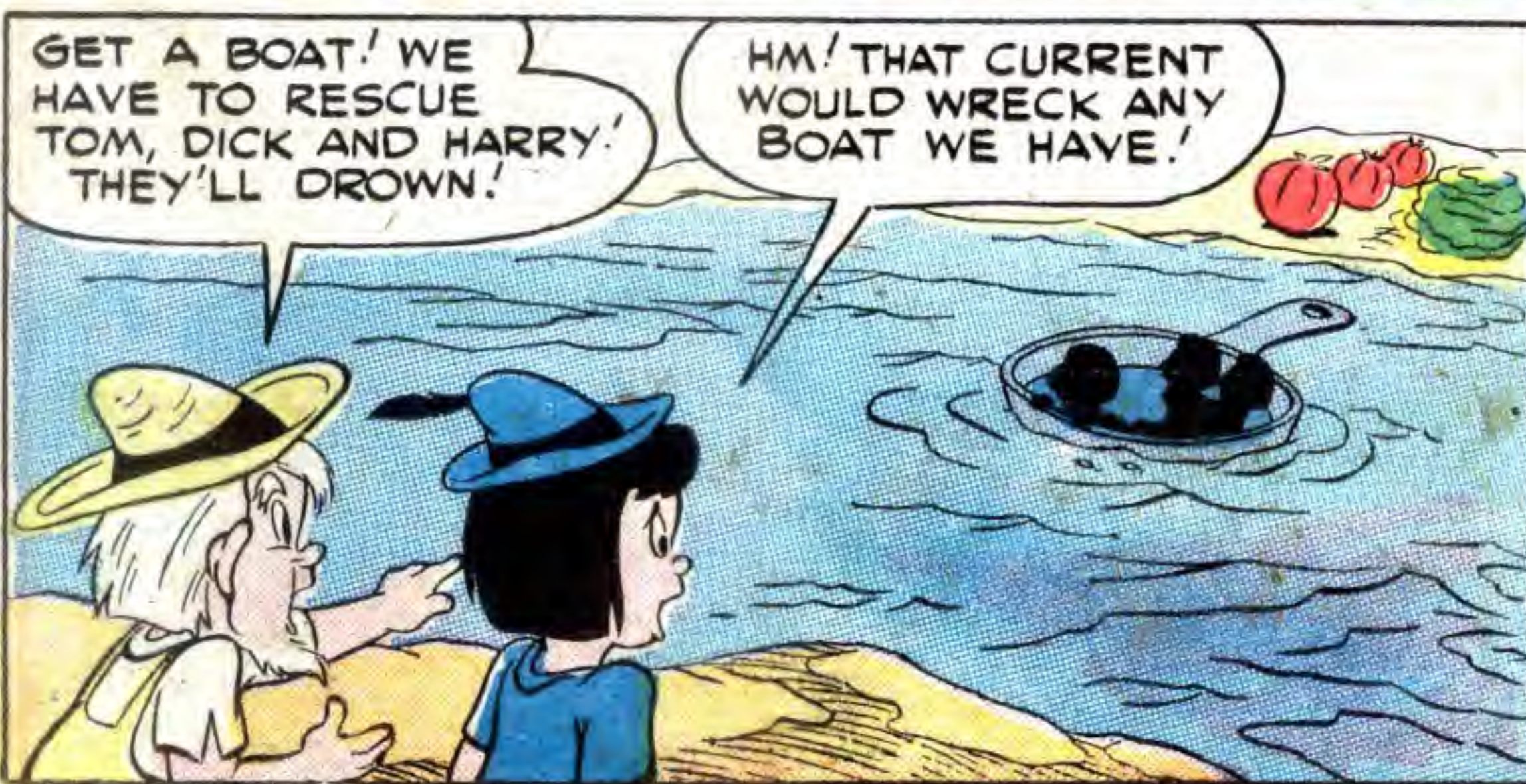
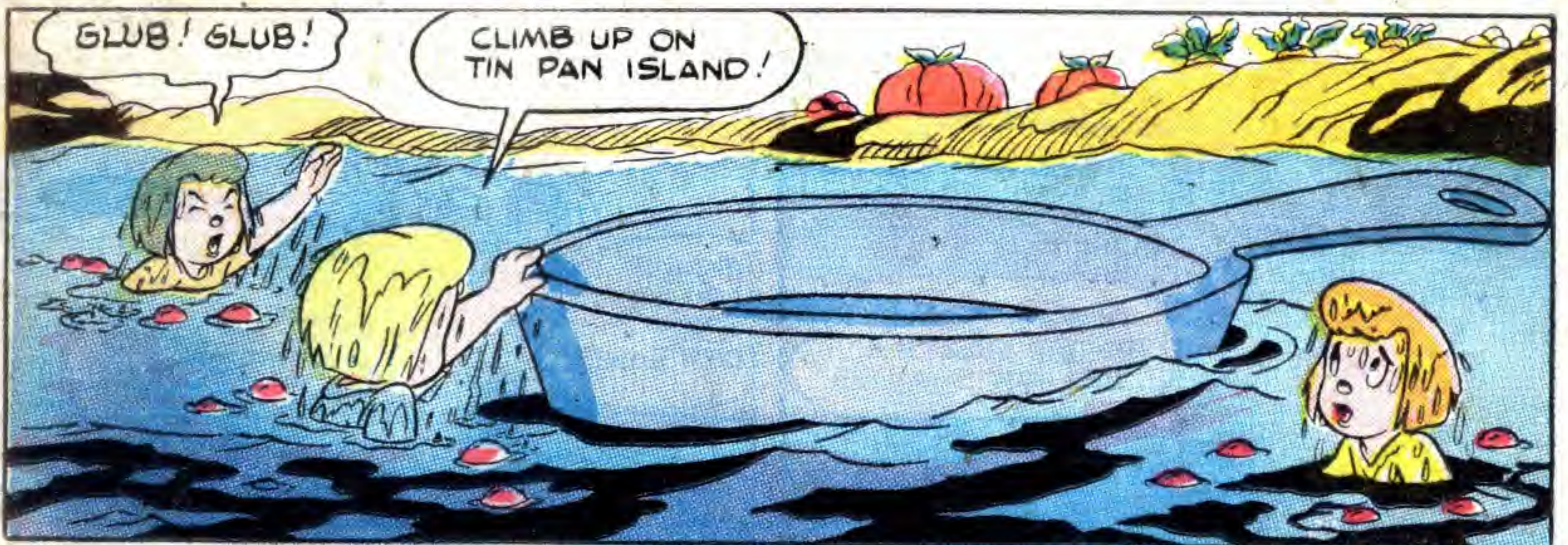
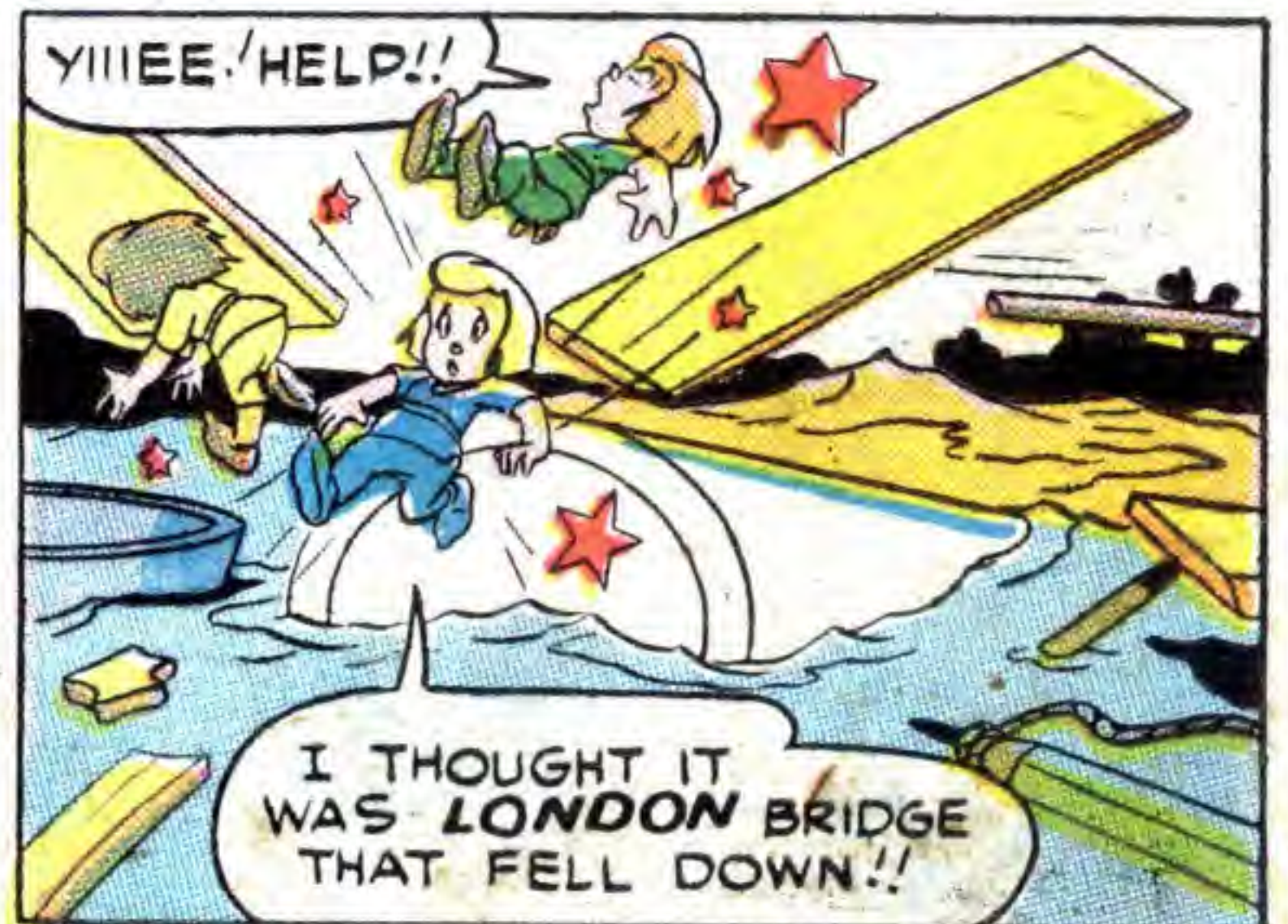
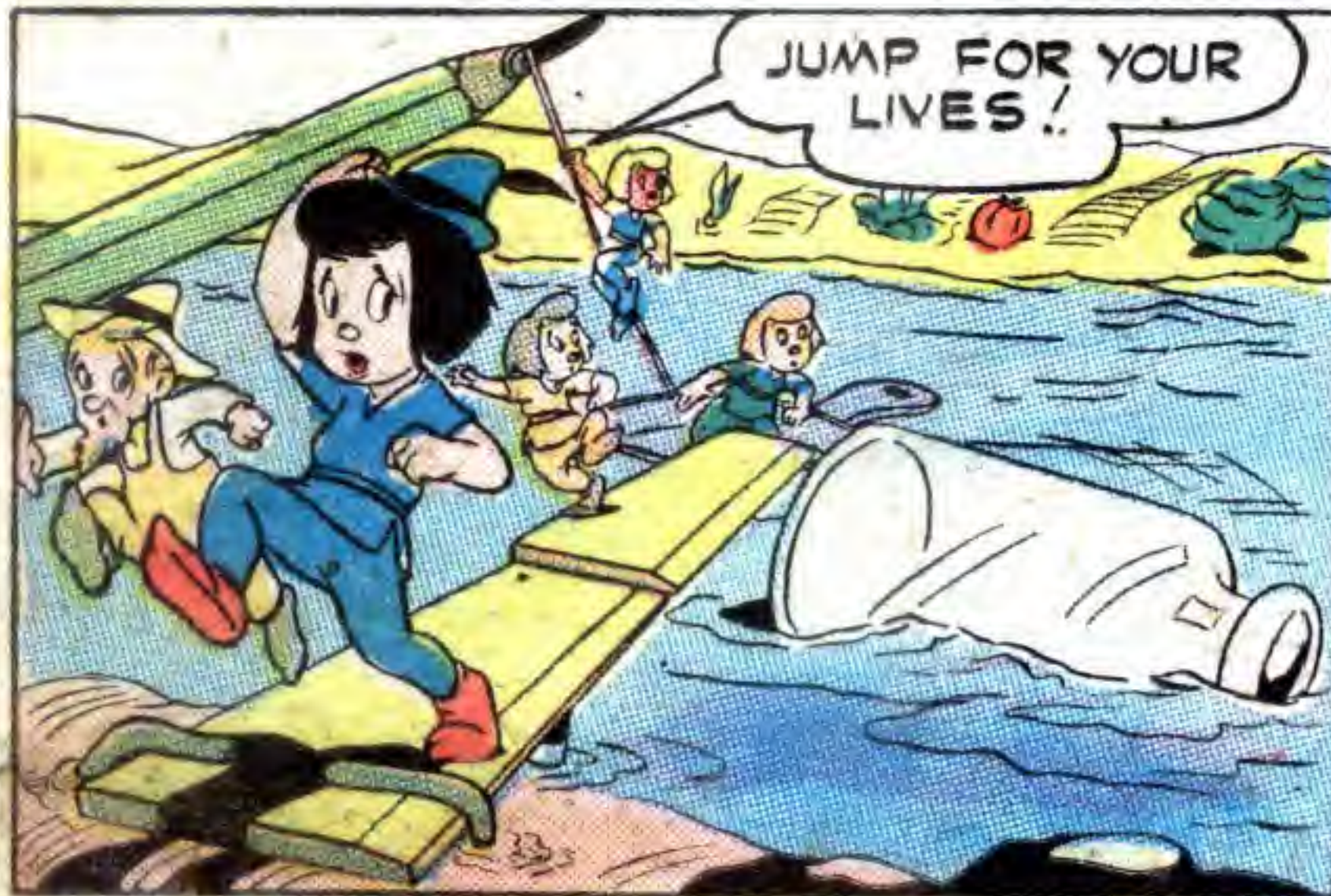
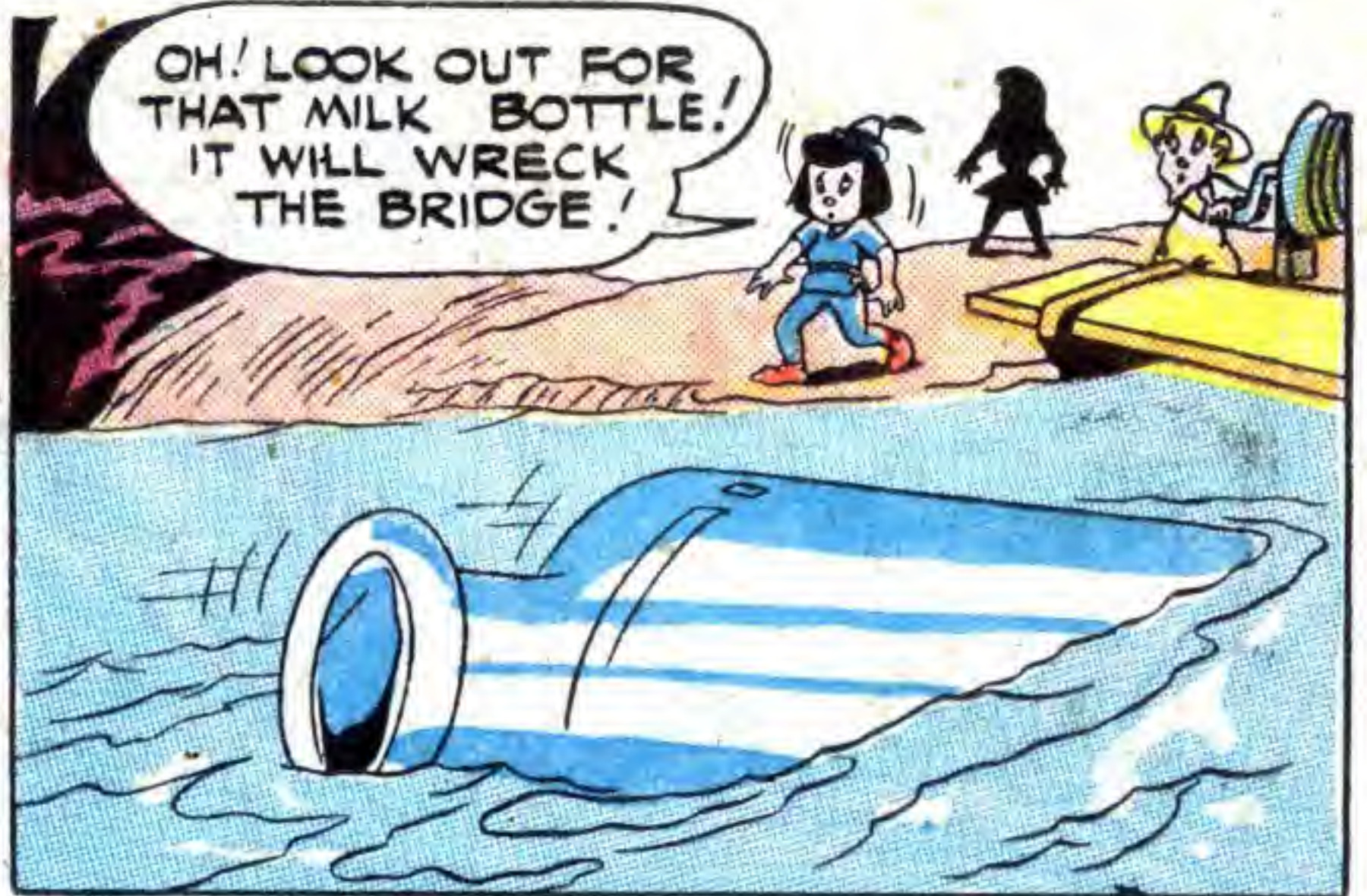
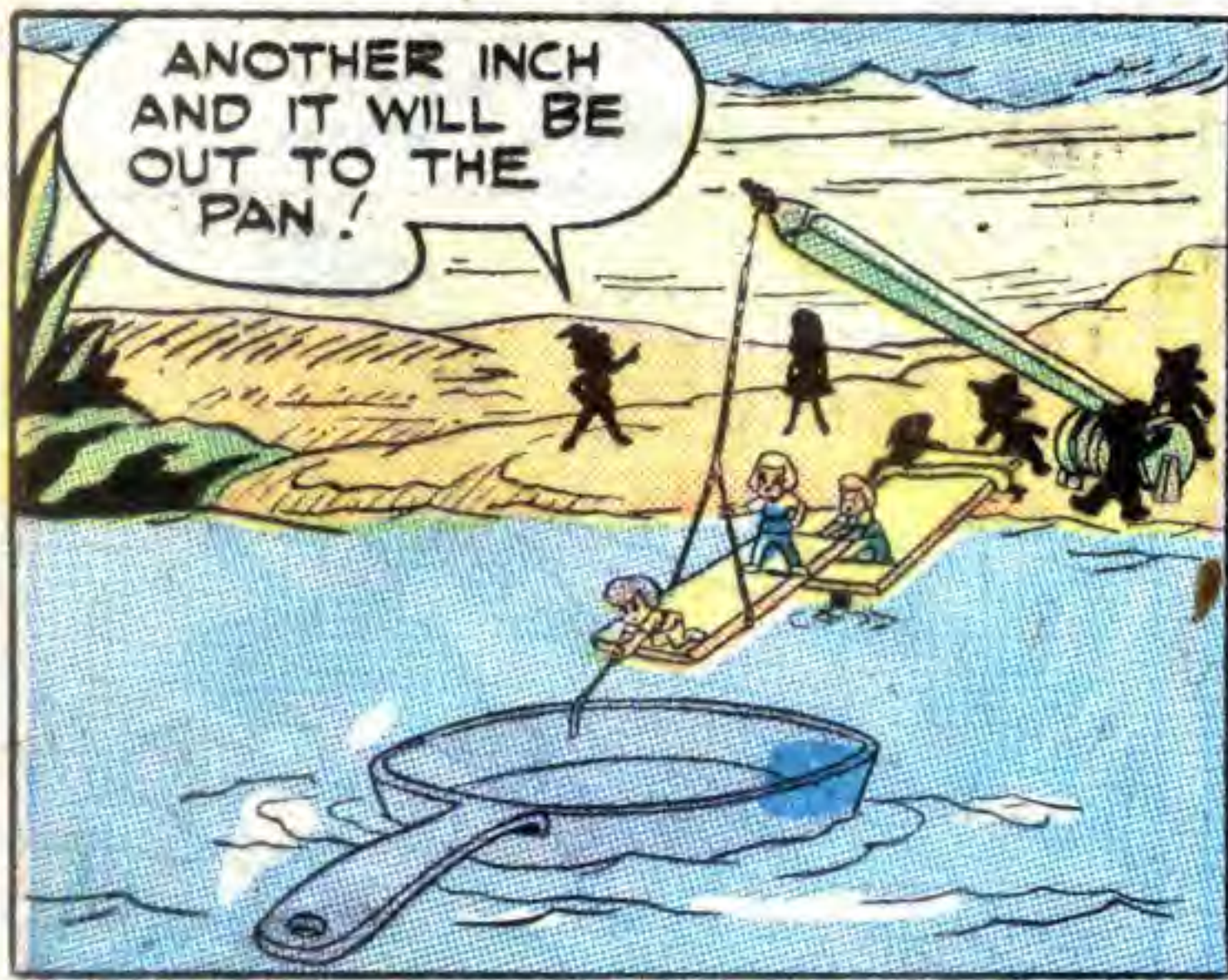


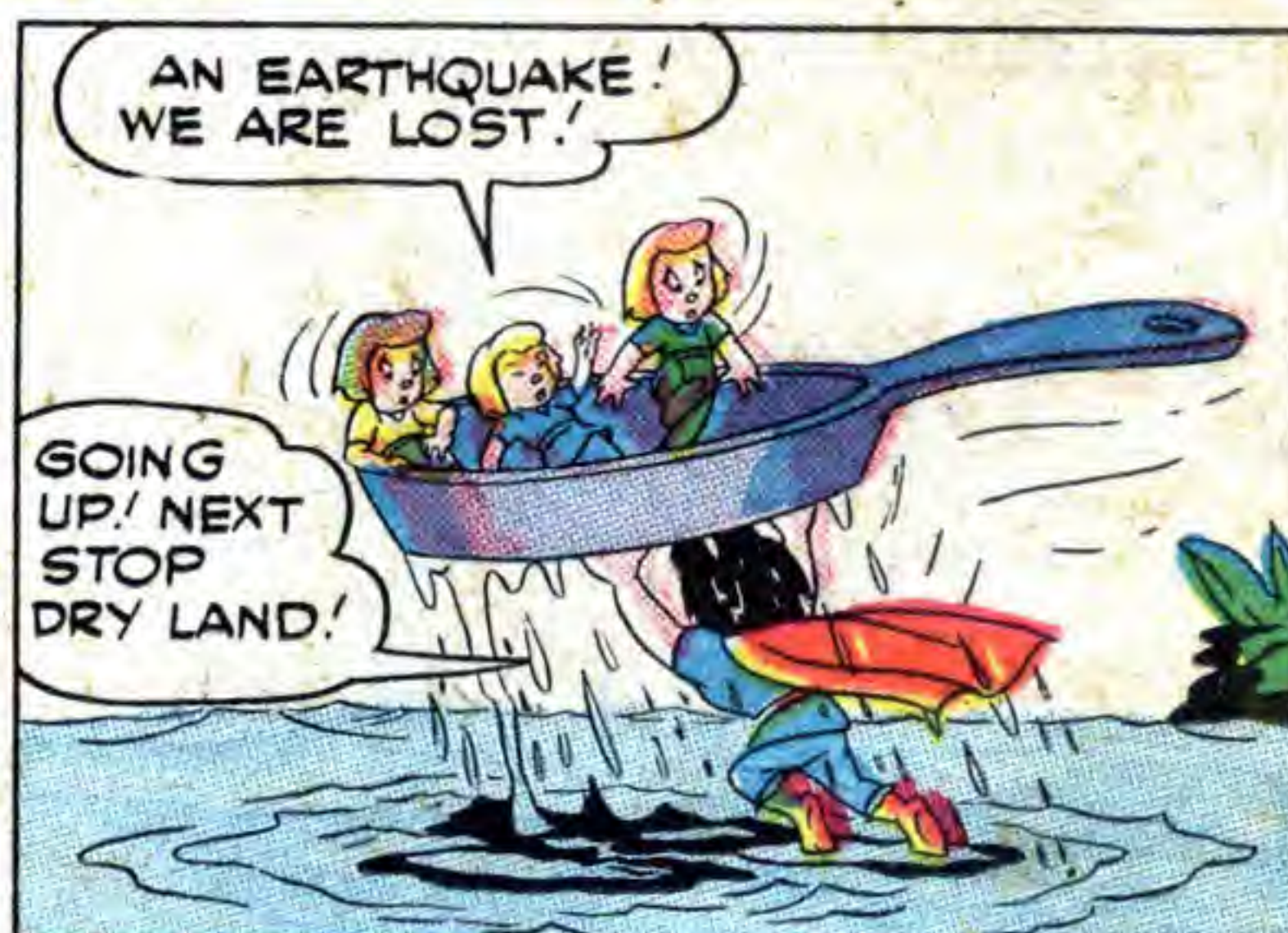
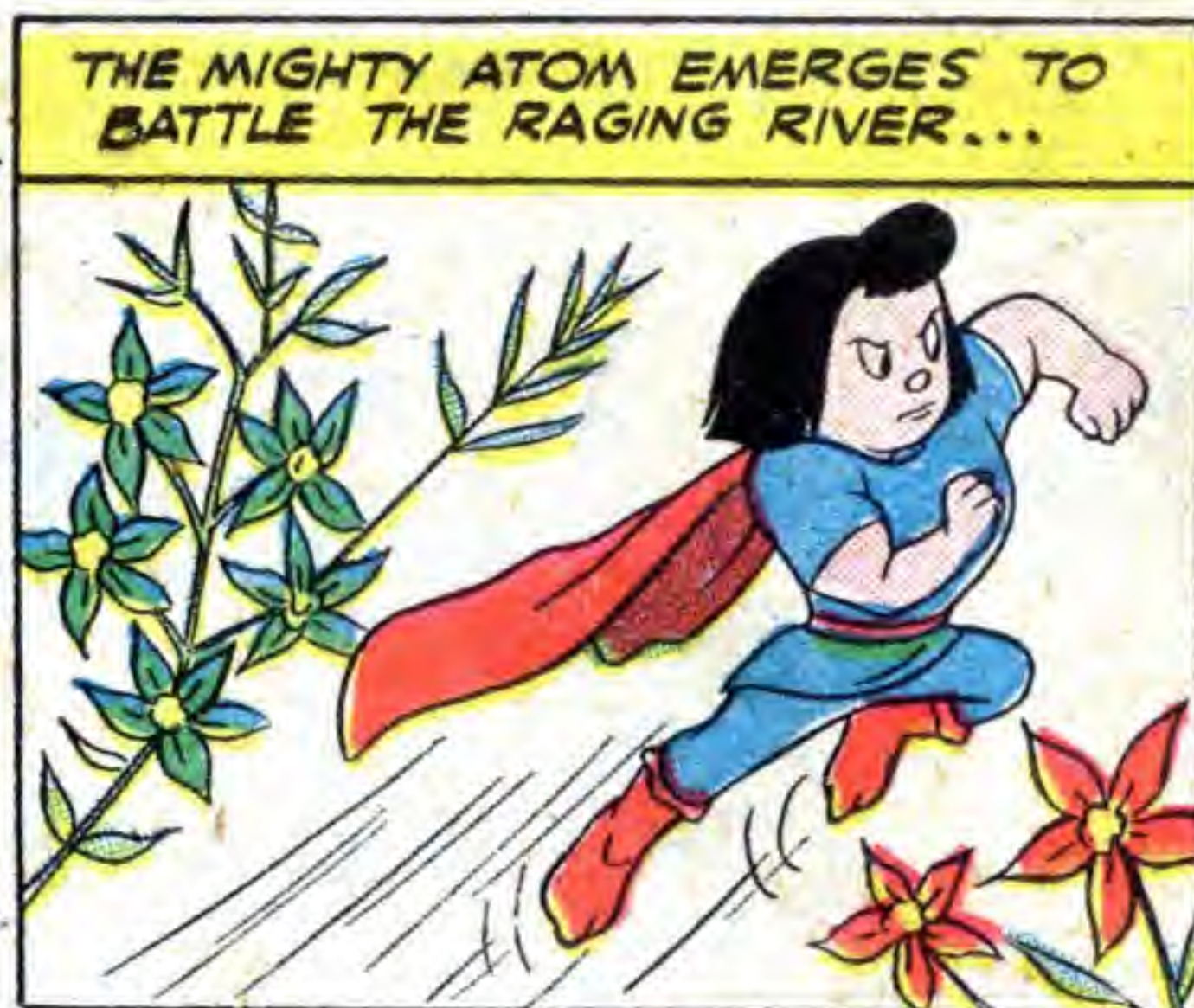
WE'LL USE THAT PAN FOR A MAIN SUPPORT! GET EVERY ABLE BODIED PIXIE BUSY GATHERING MATERIAL!

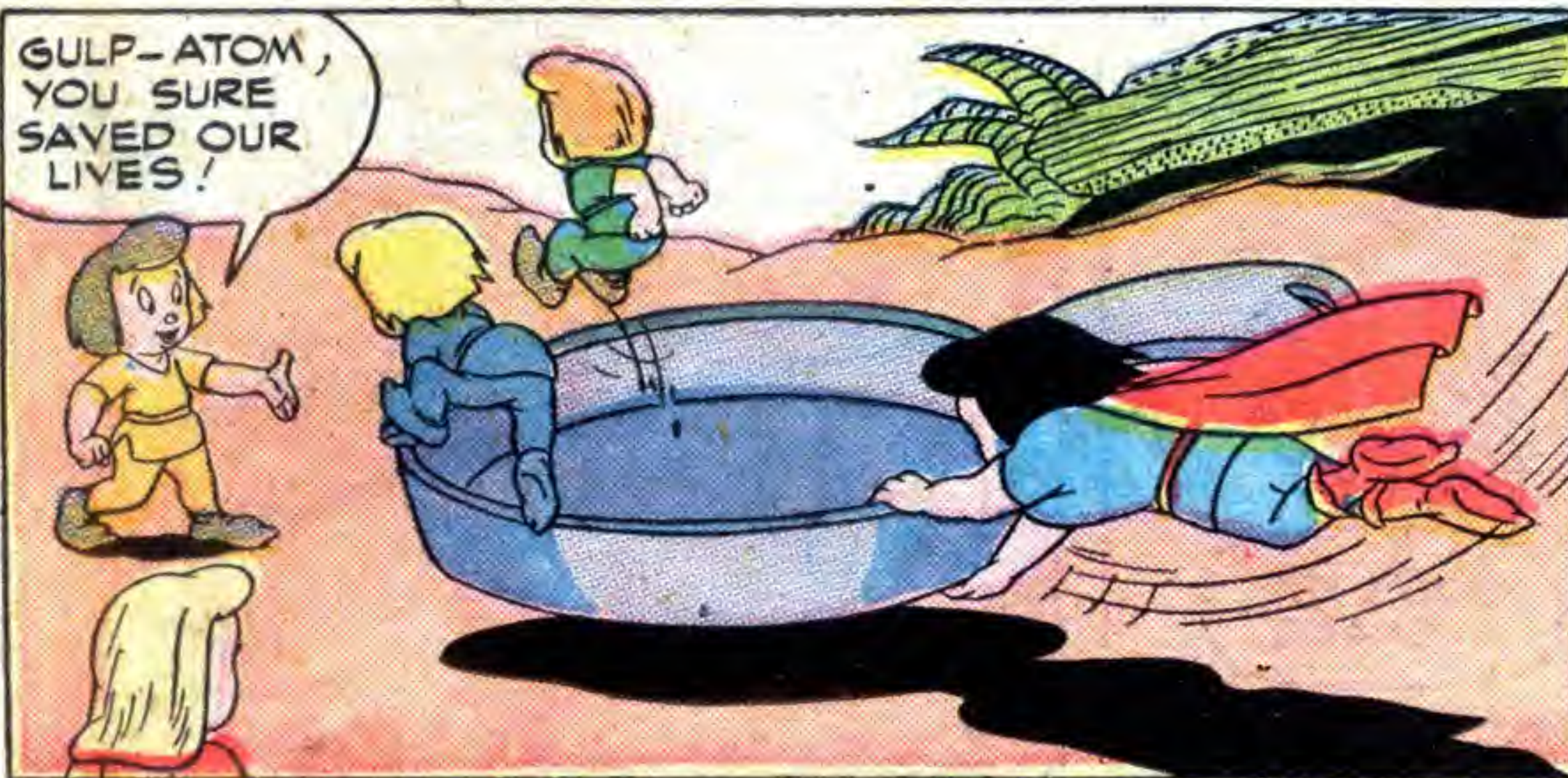


LATER...

YO- HEAVE- HO! LOOK OUT BELOW!





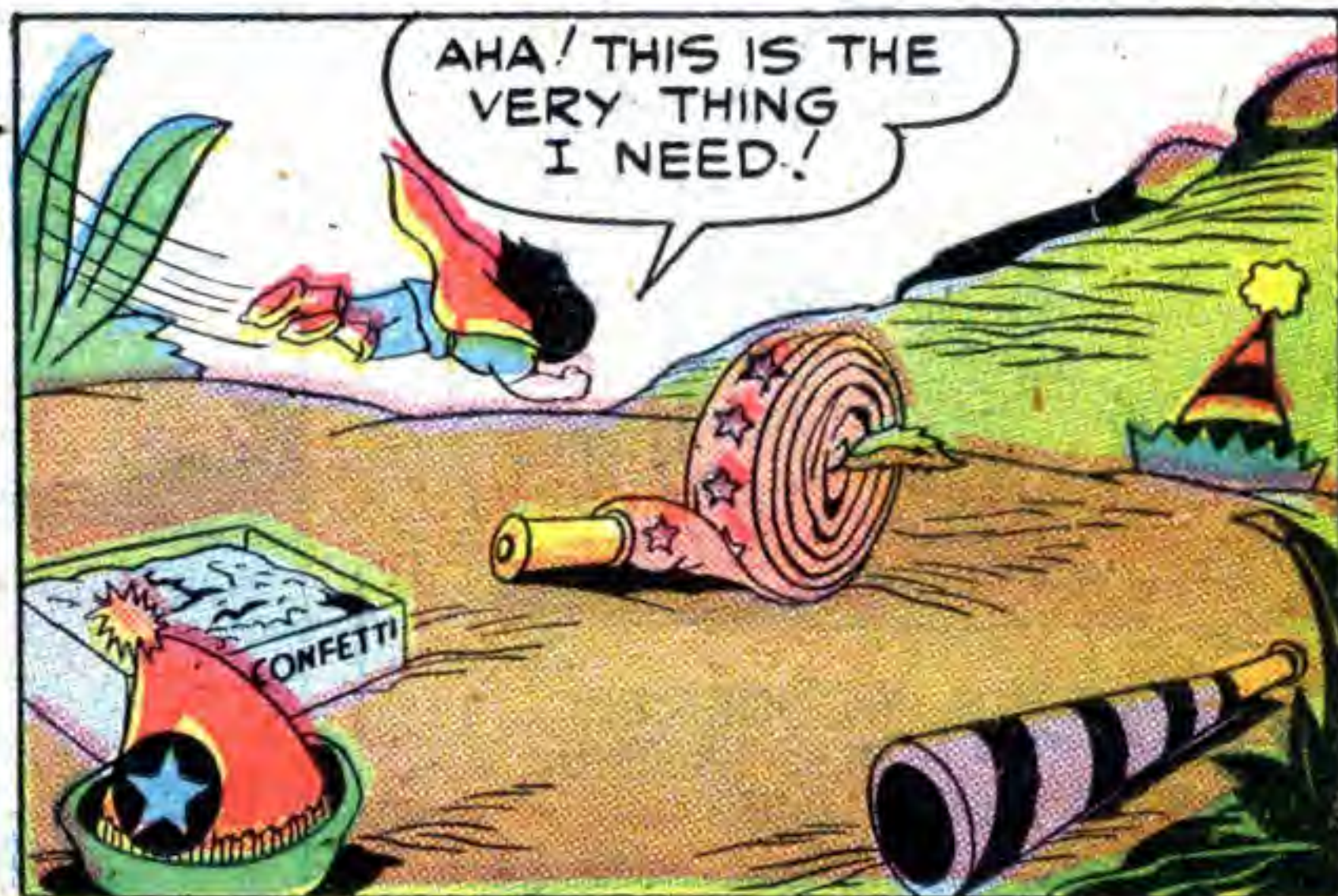


GULP-ATOM,
YOU SURE
SAVED OUR
LIVES!

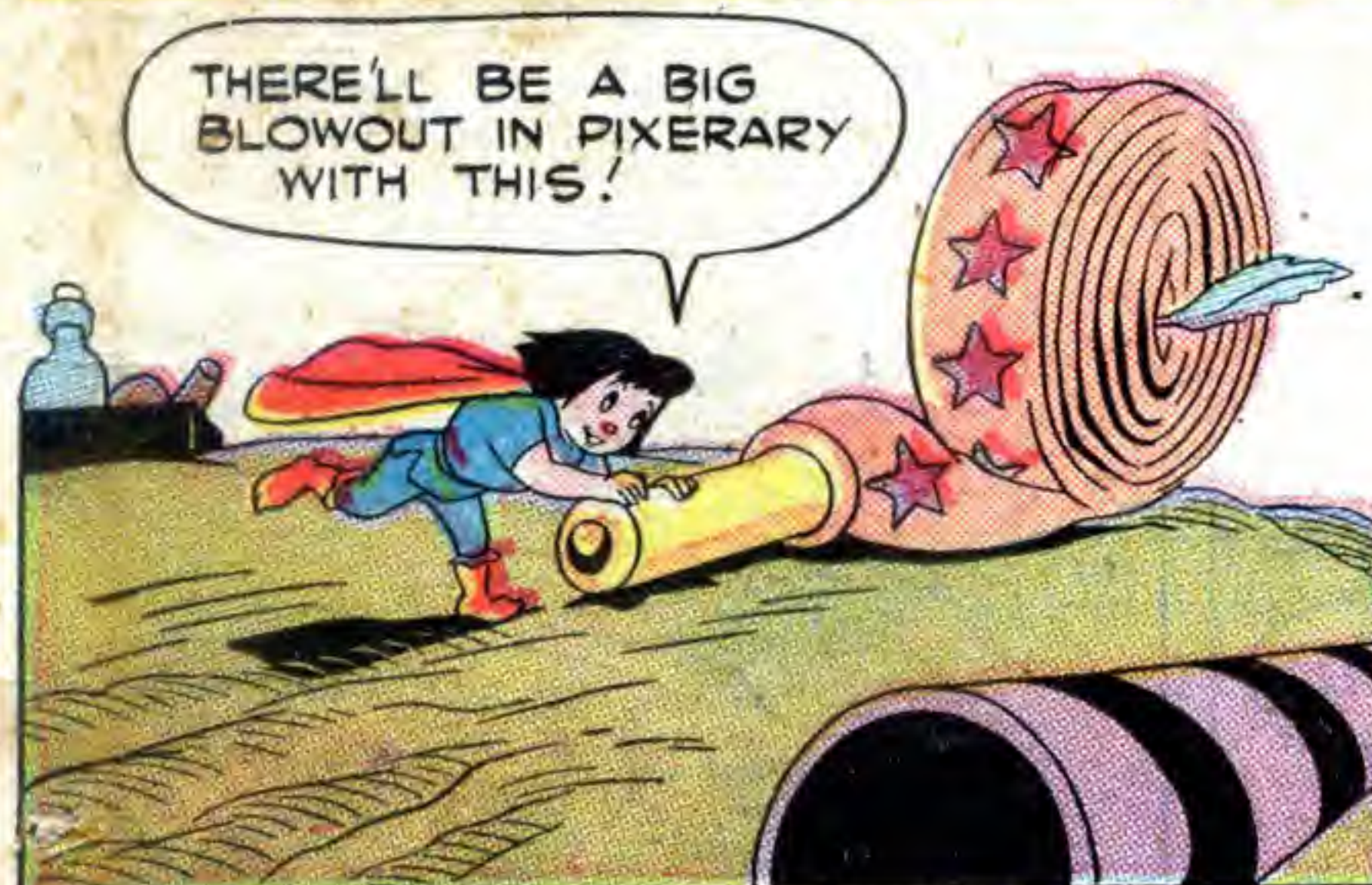
THE MIGHTY ATOM
SAVED TOM, DICK AND
HARRY BUT WE STILL
WON'T HAVE ANY WAY
TO GET
FOOD!
WHAT
WILL
WE DO
??



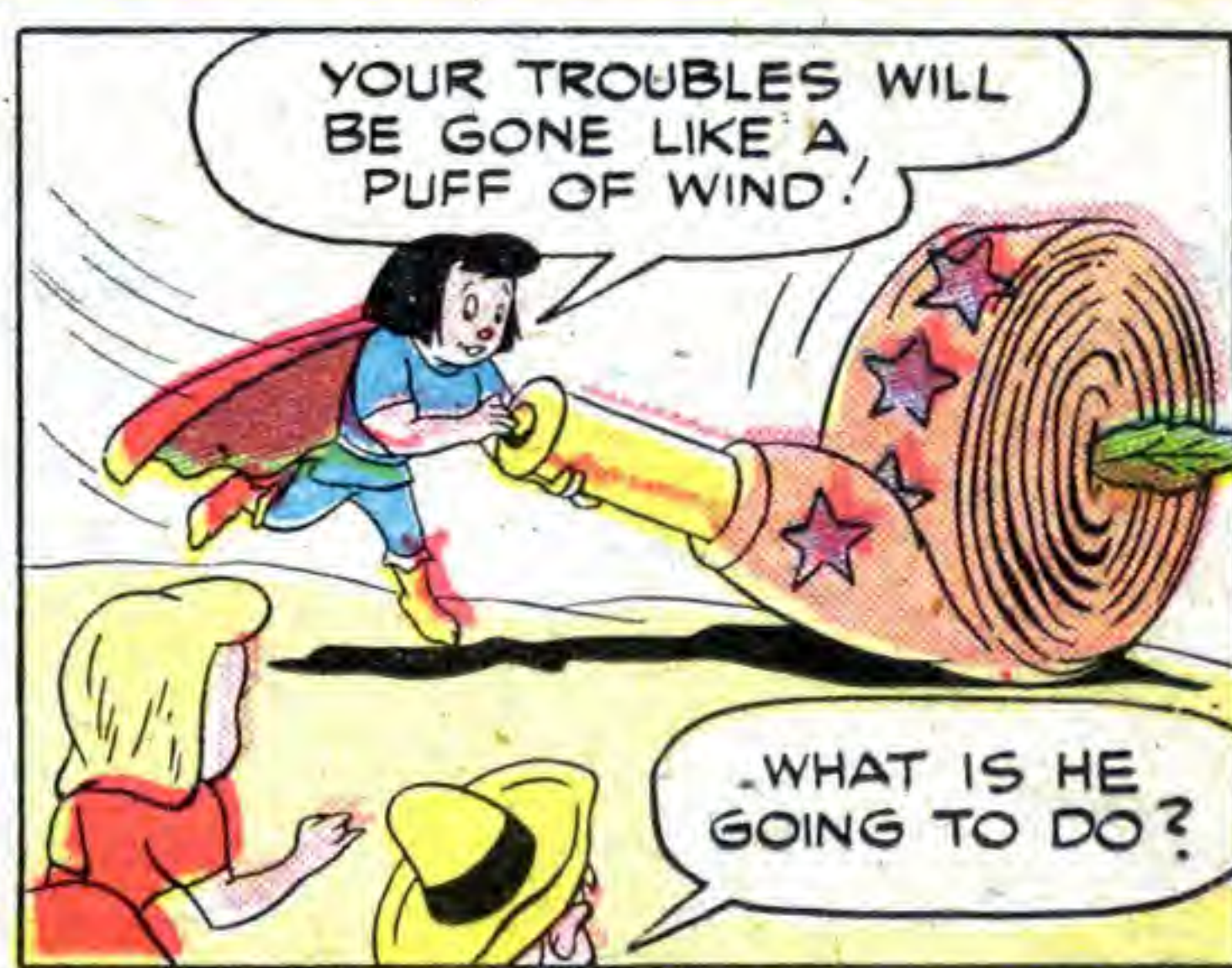
DRY YOUR TEARS,
POLLY! I HAVE A PLAN!



AHA! THIS IS THE
VERY THING
I NEED!



THERE'LL BE A BIG
BLOWOUT IN PIXERARY
WITH THIS!

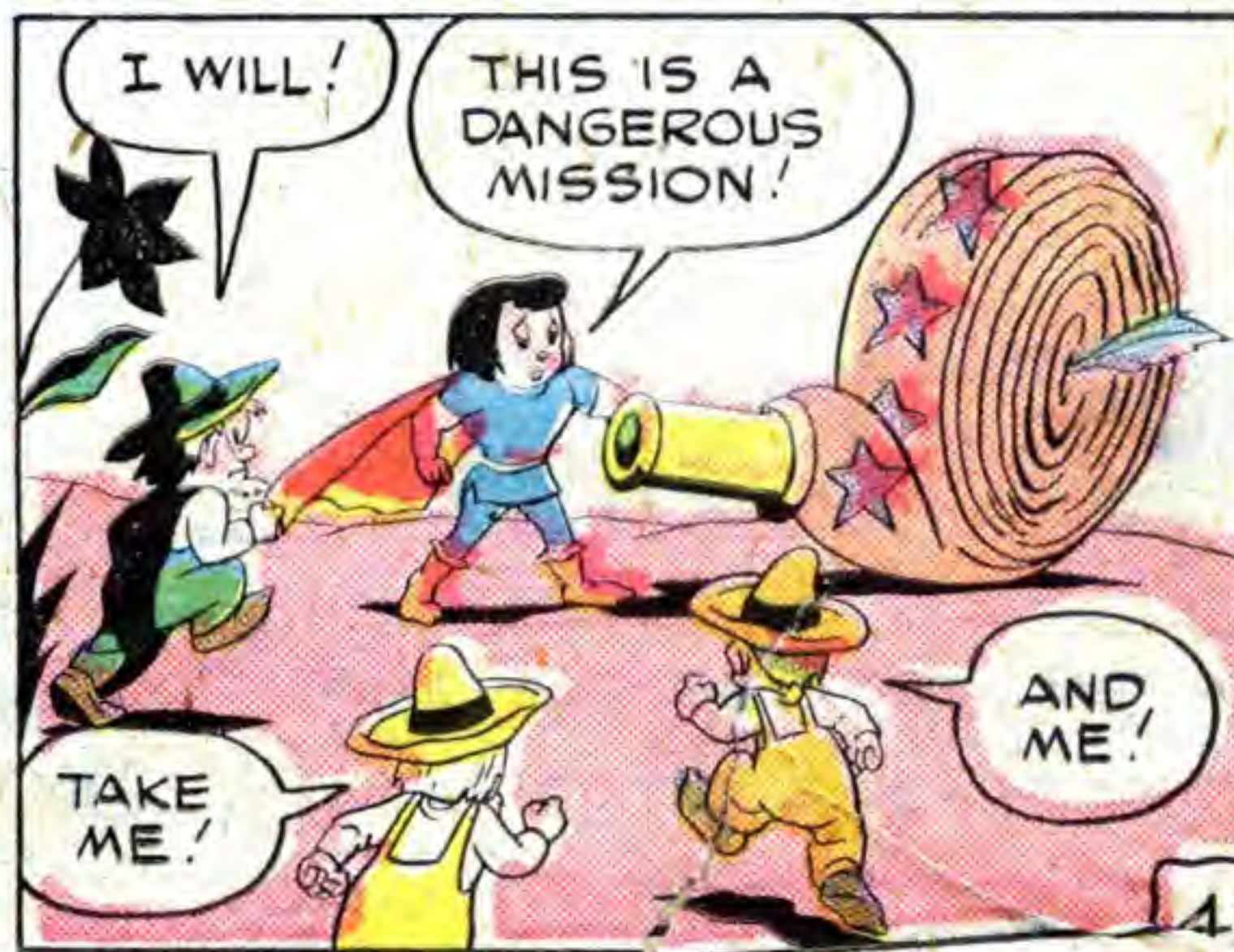


YOUR TROUBLES WILL
BE GONE LIKE A
PUFF OF WIND!

WHAT IS HE
GOING TO DO?



I NEED THREE BRAVE
PIXIES. WHO WILL
VOLUNTEER?

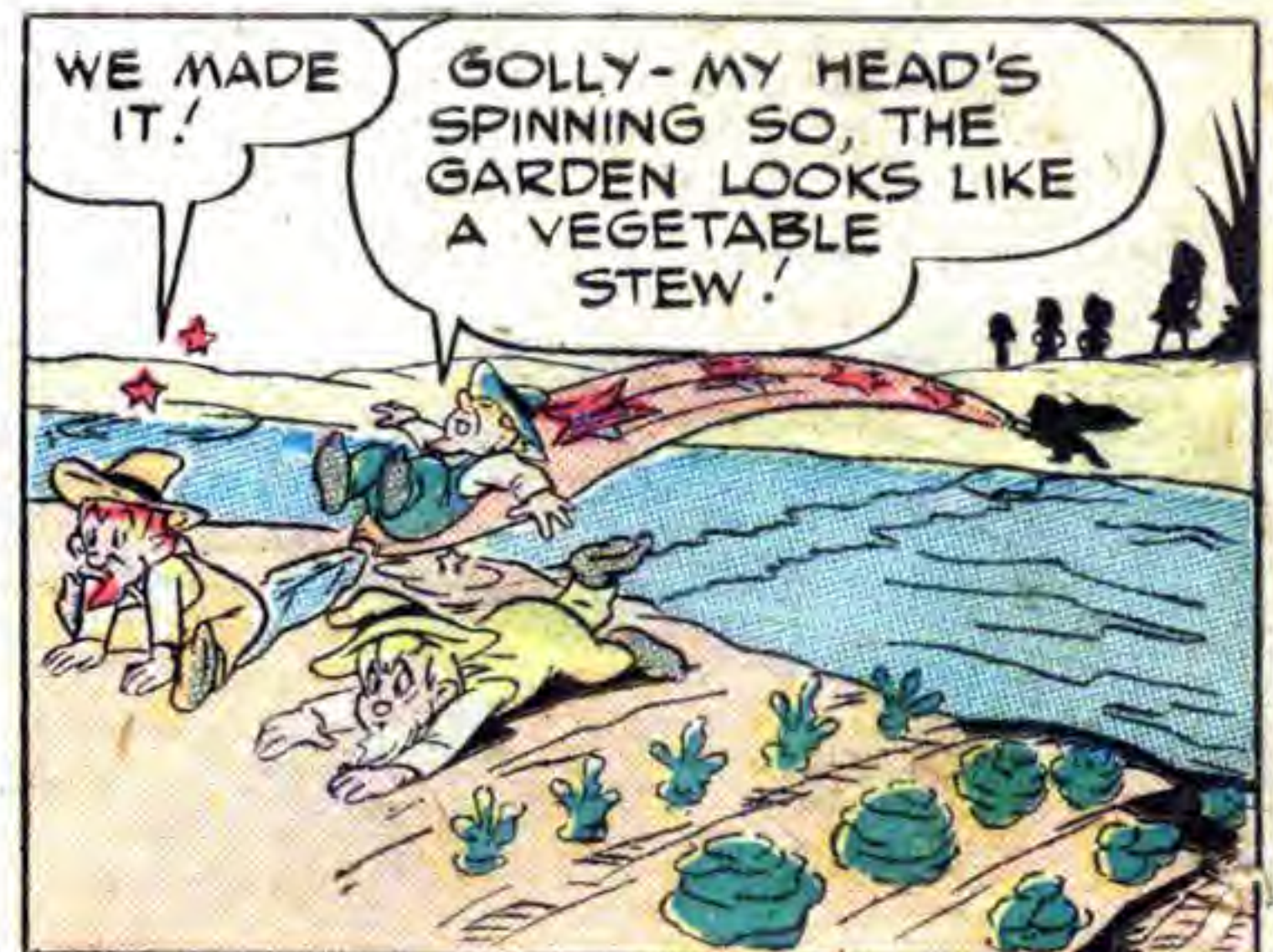
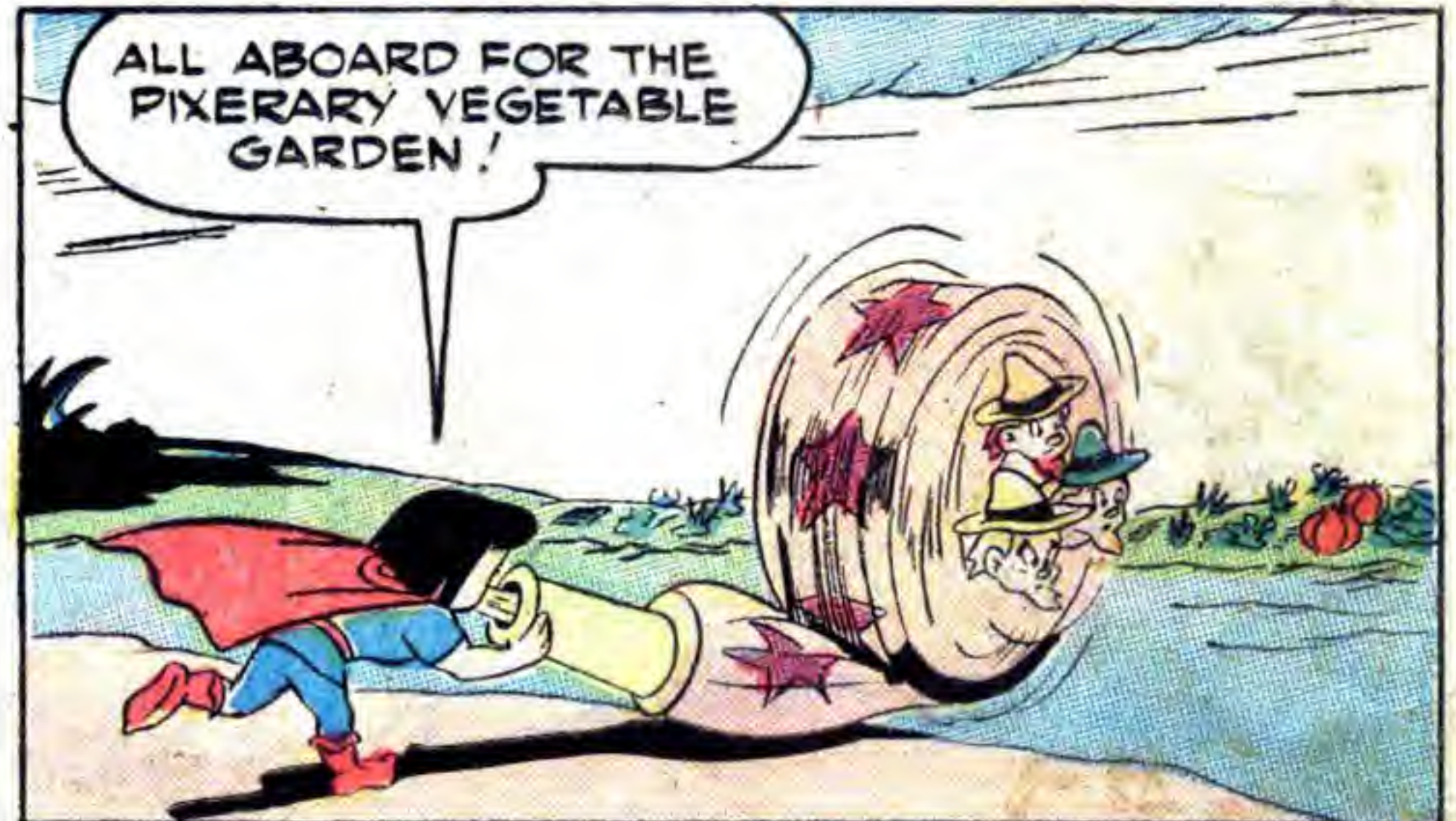
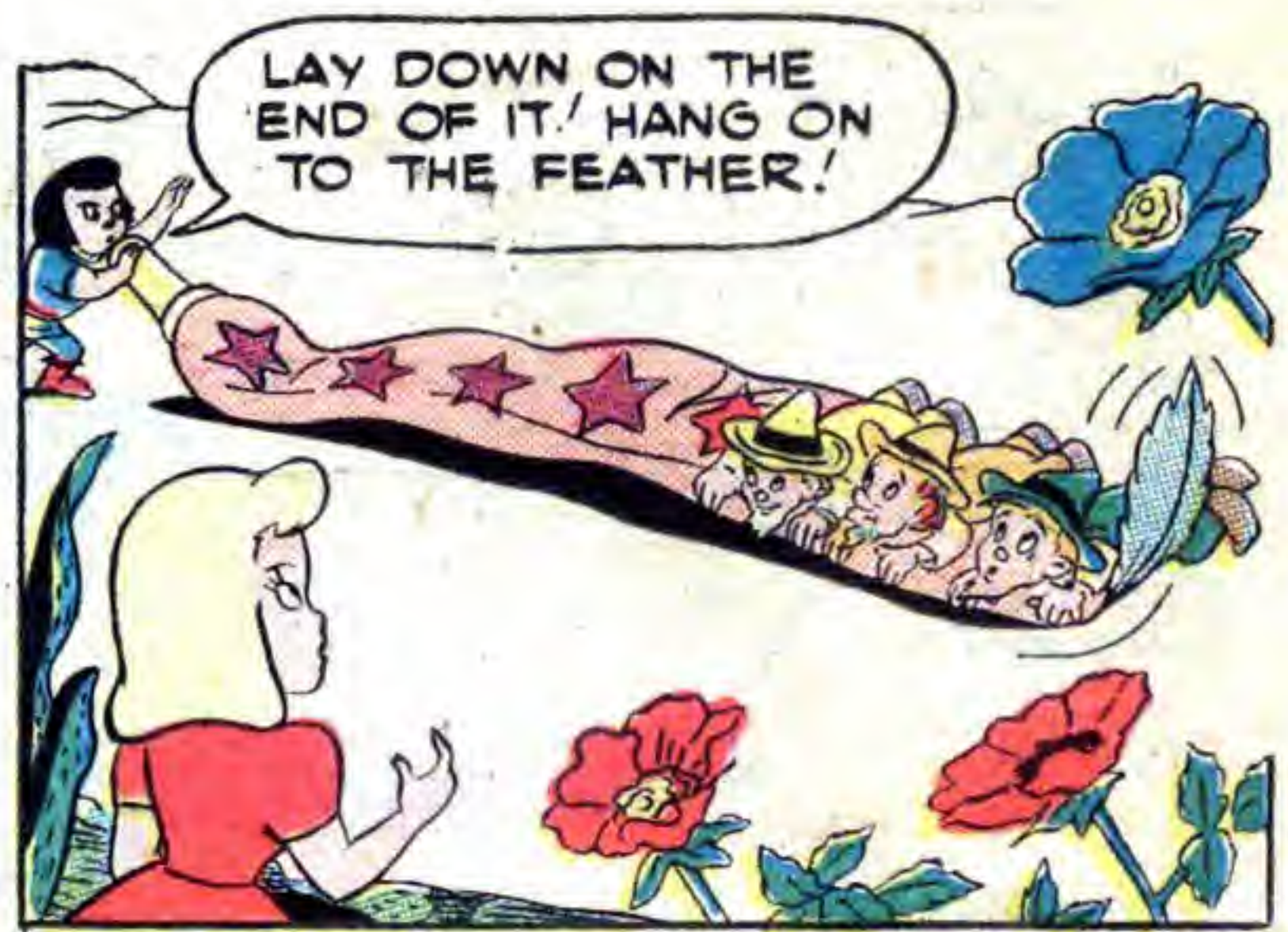
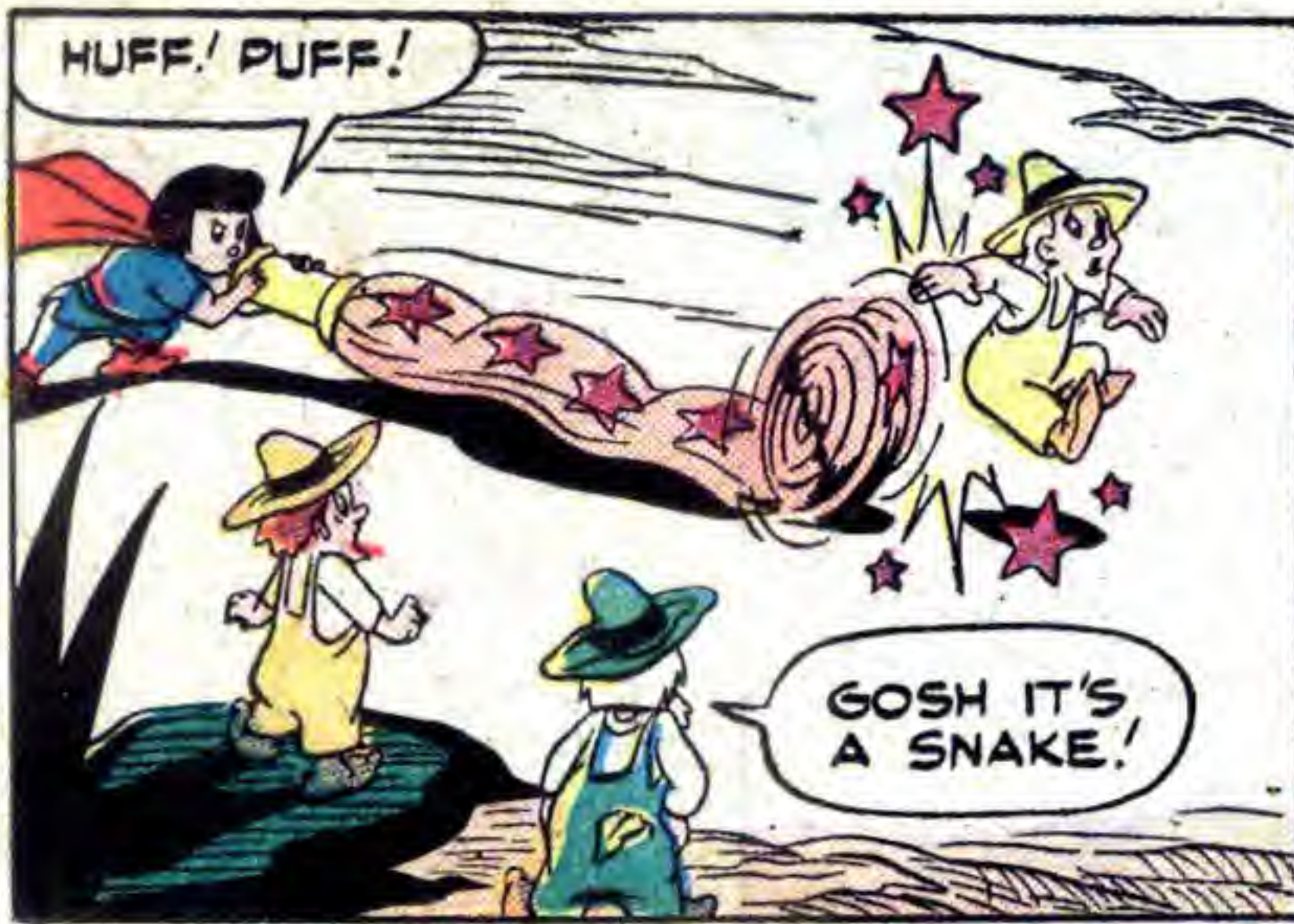


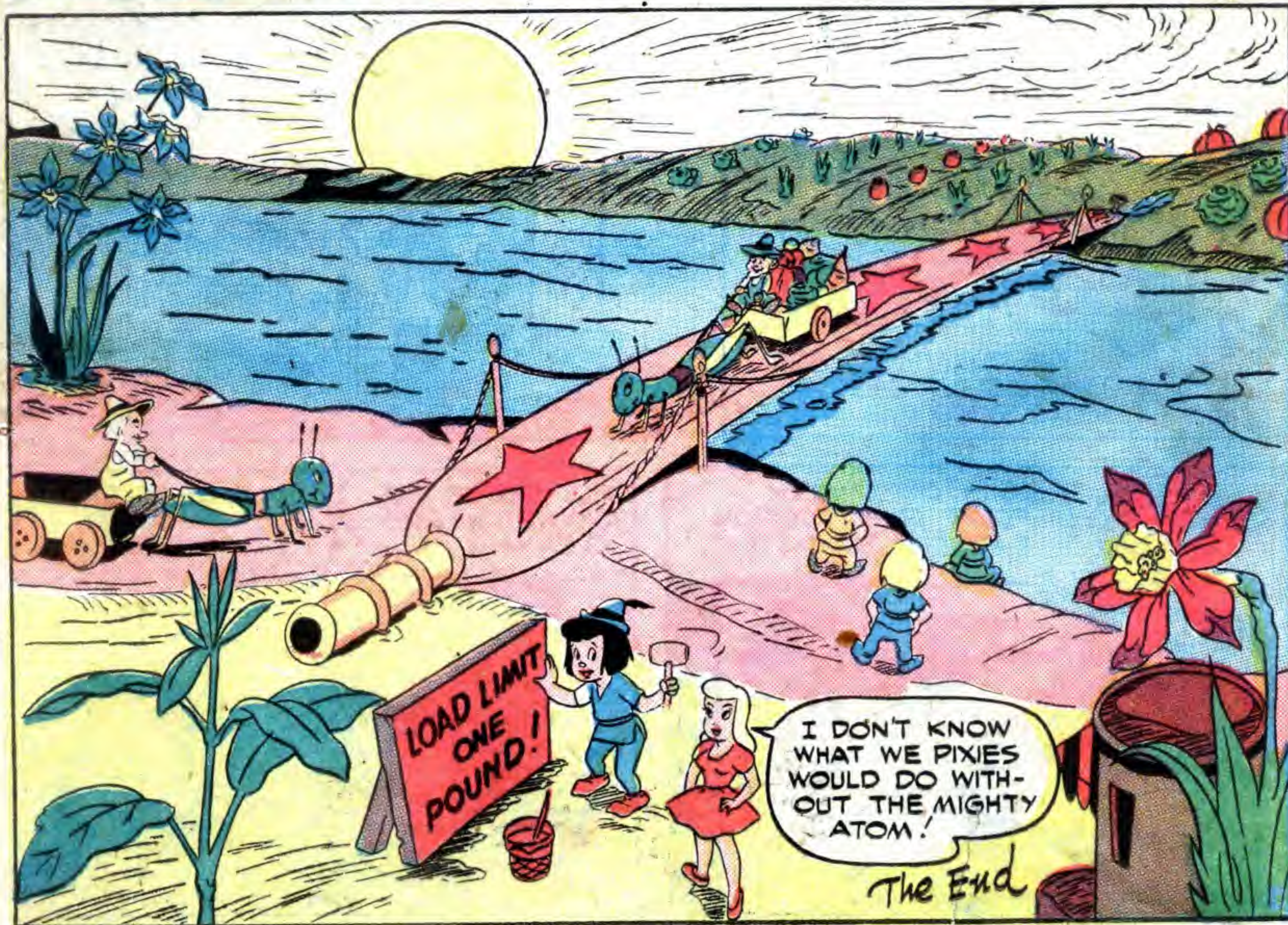
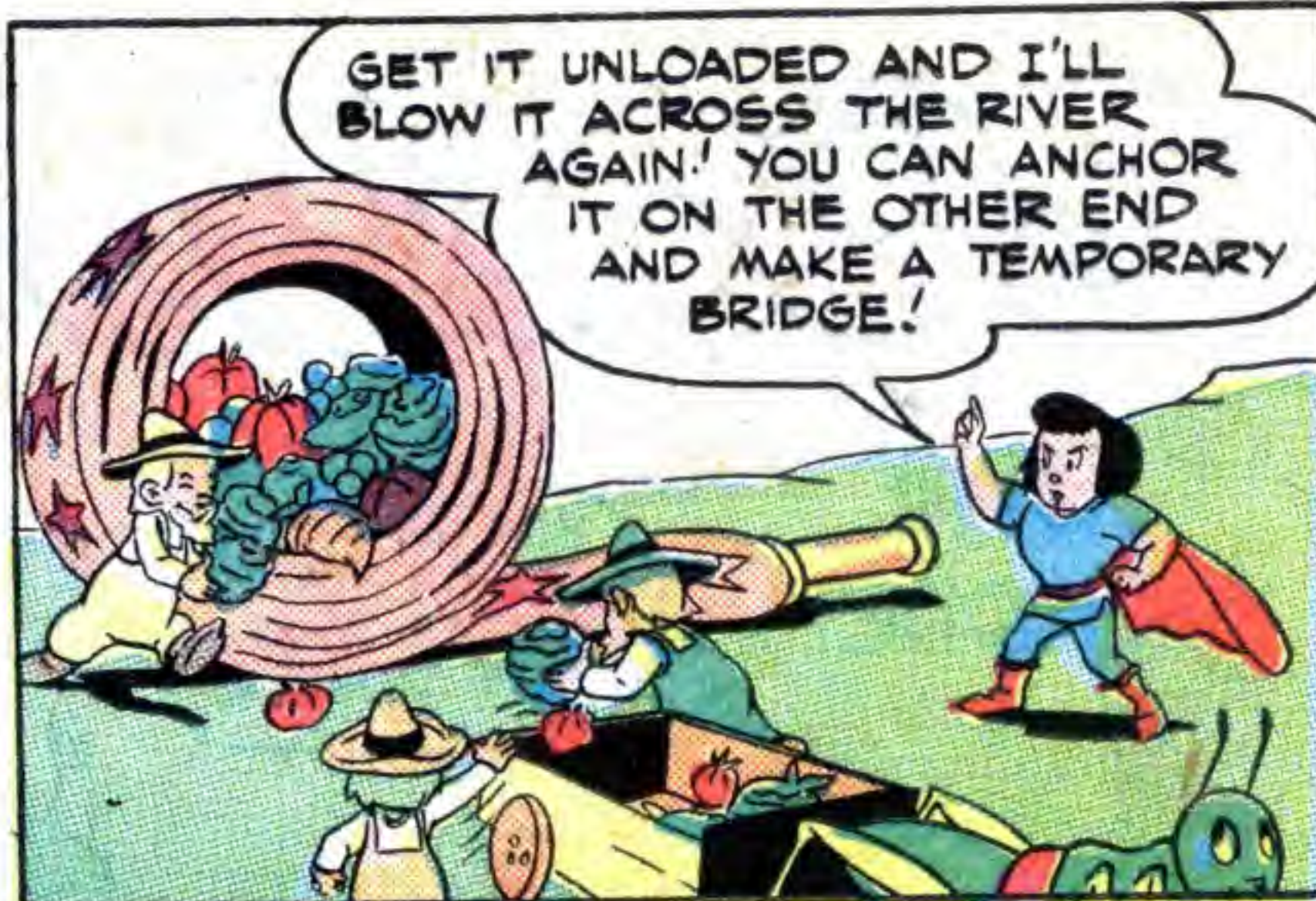
I WILL!

THIS IS A
DANGEROUS
MISSION!

TAKE
ME!

AND
ME!

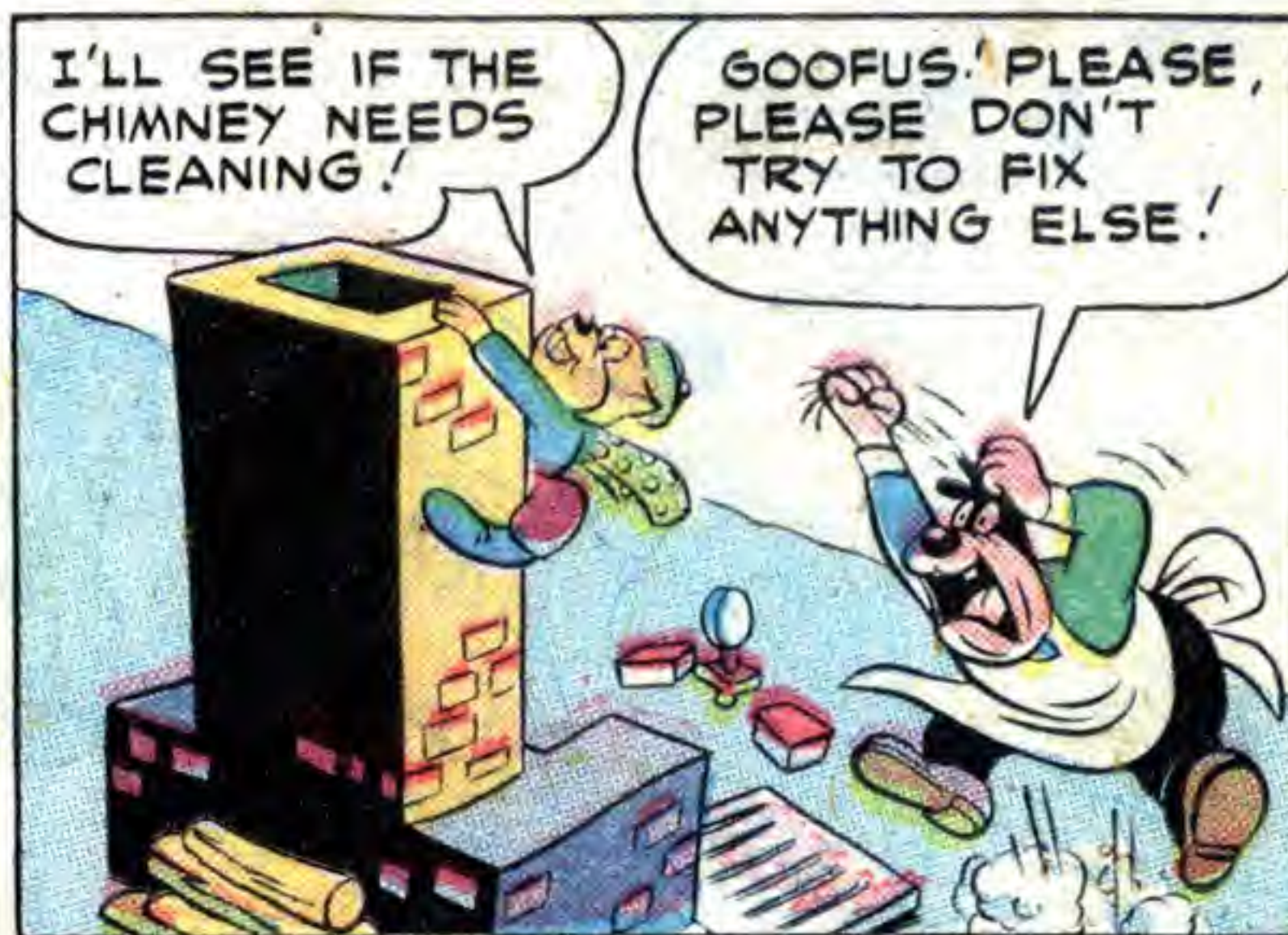
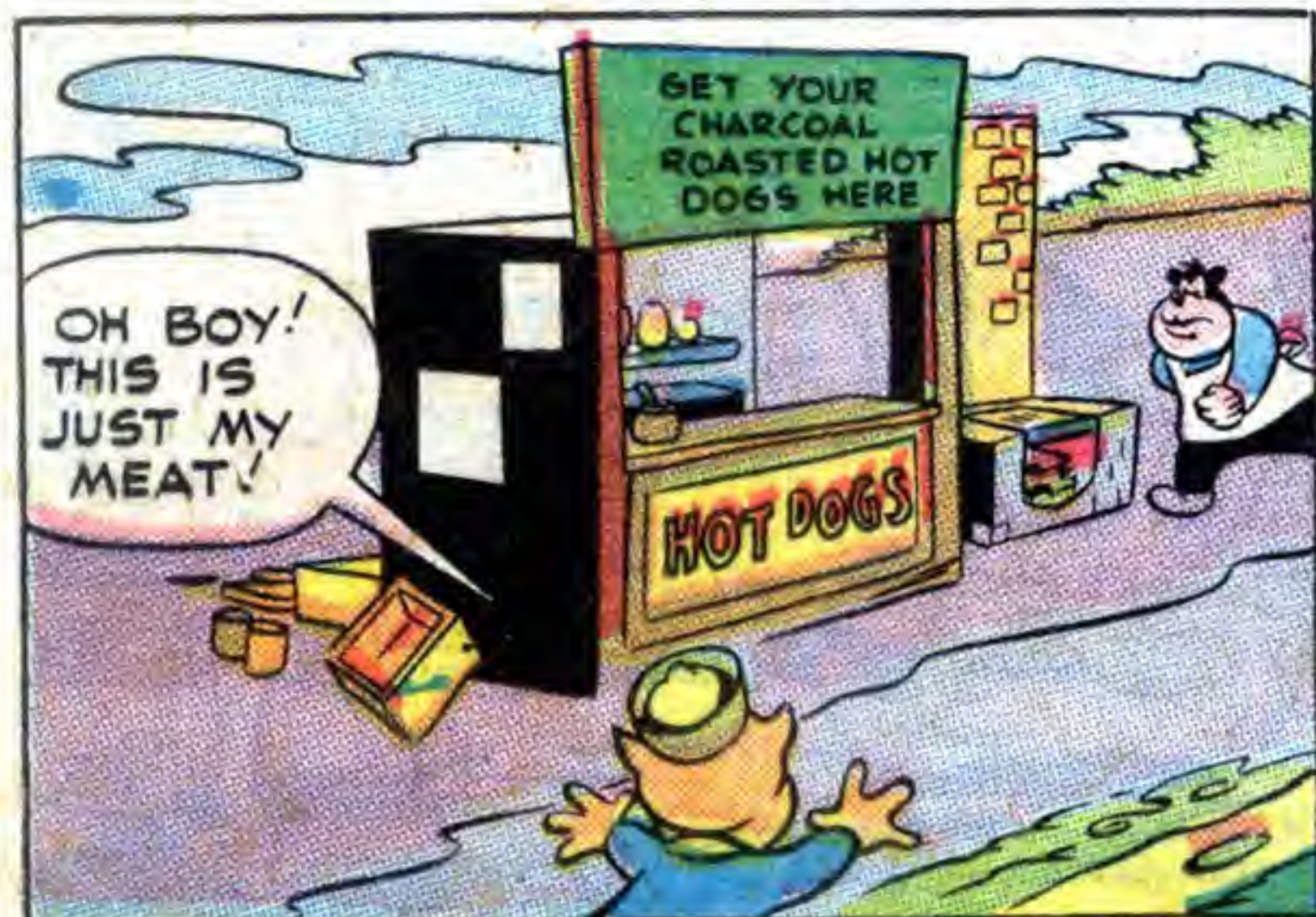
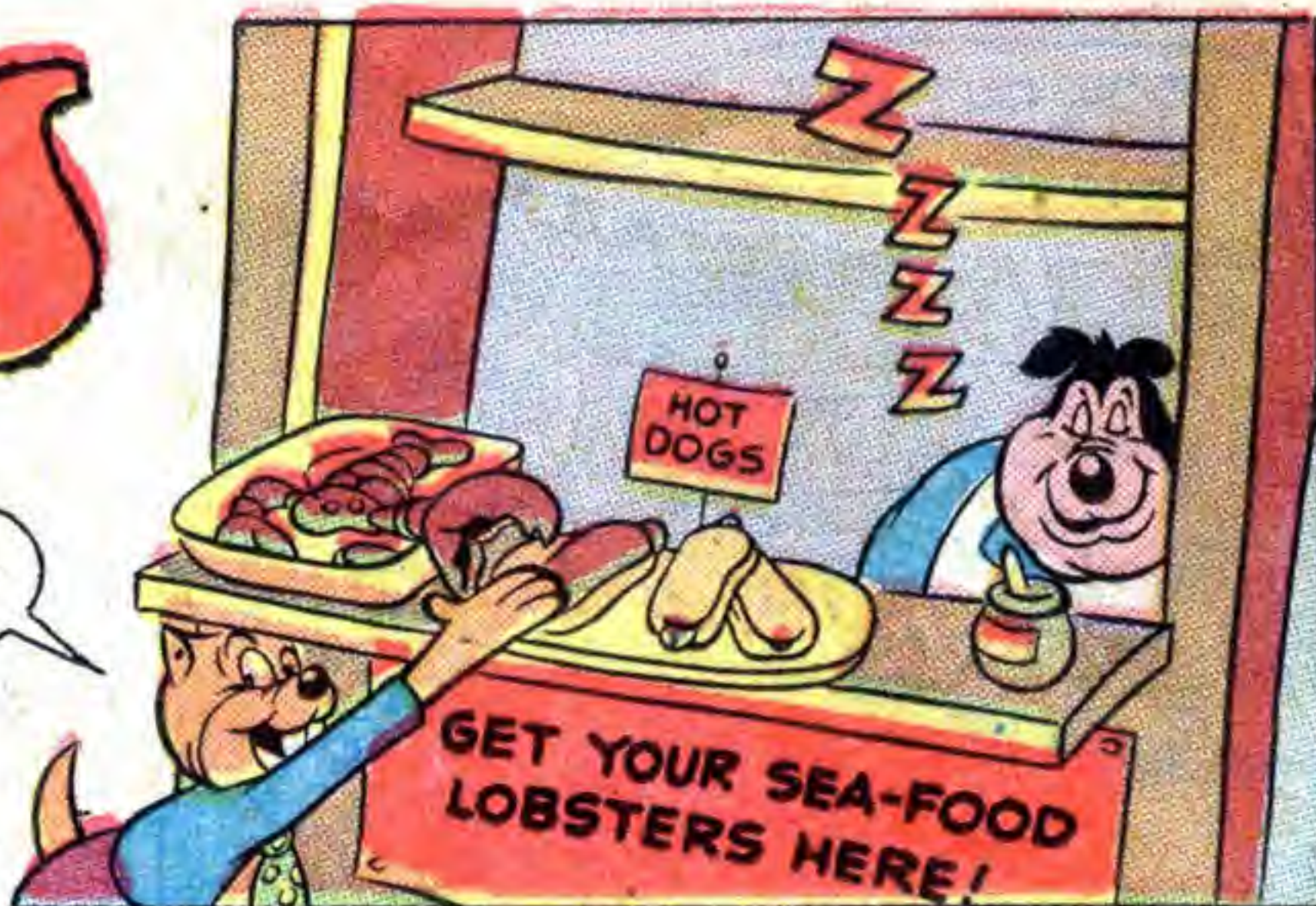


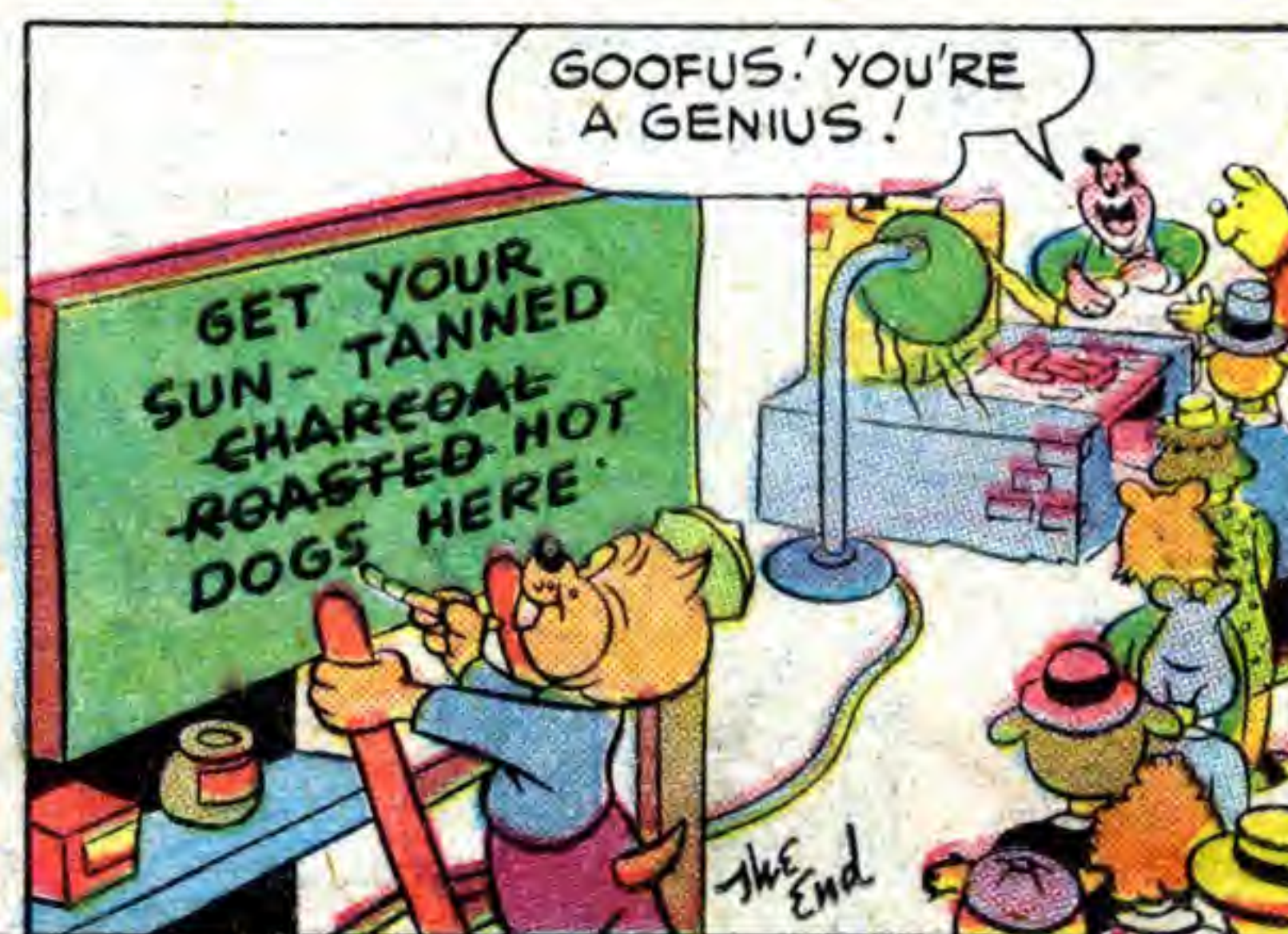
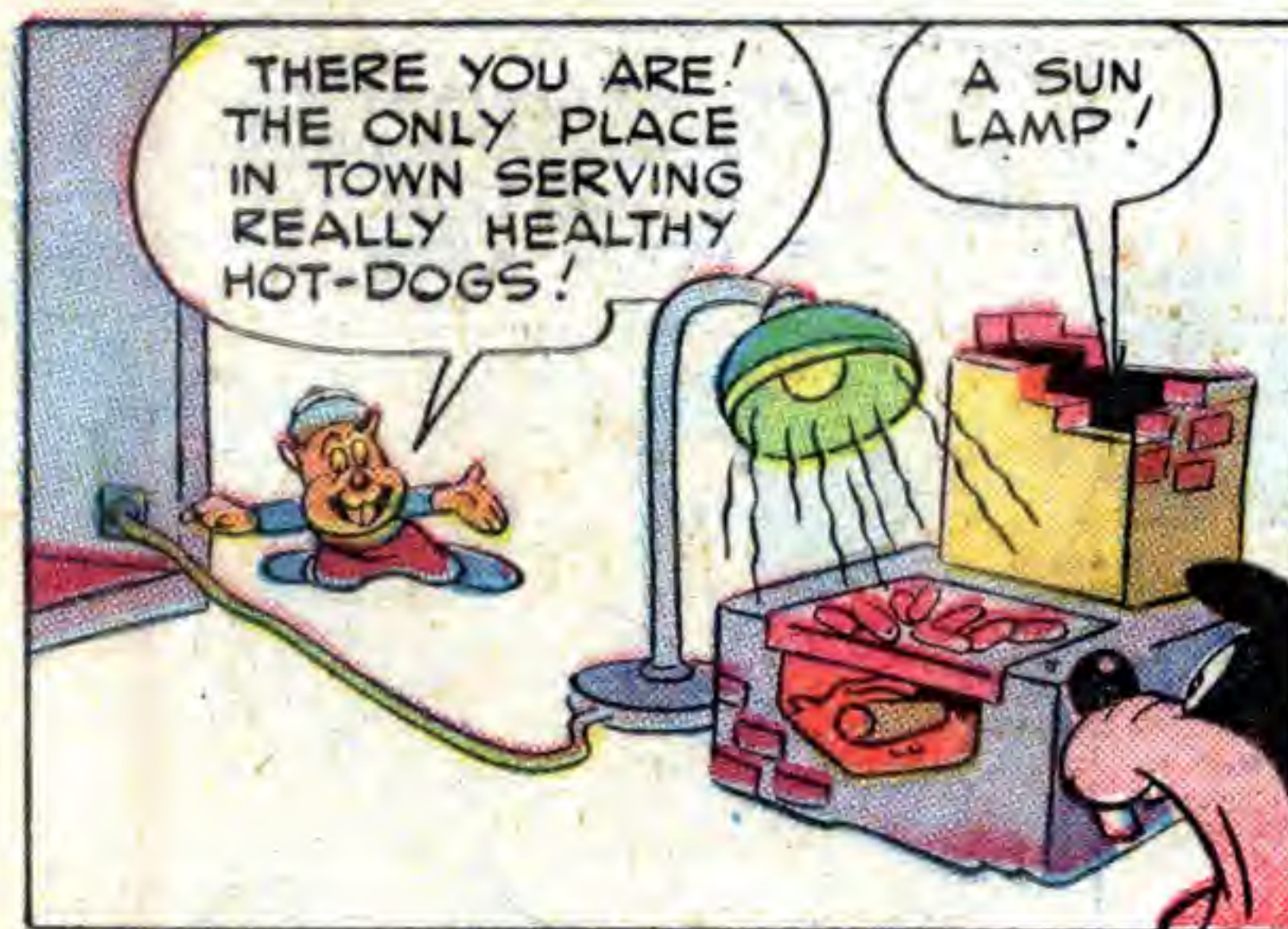
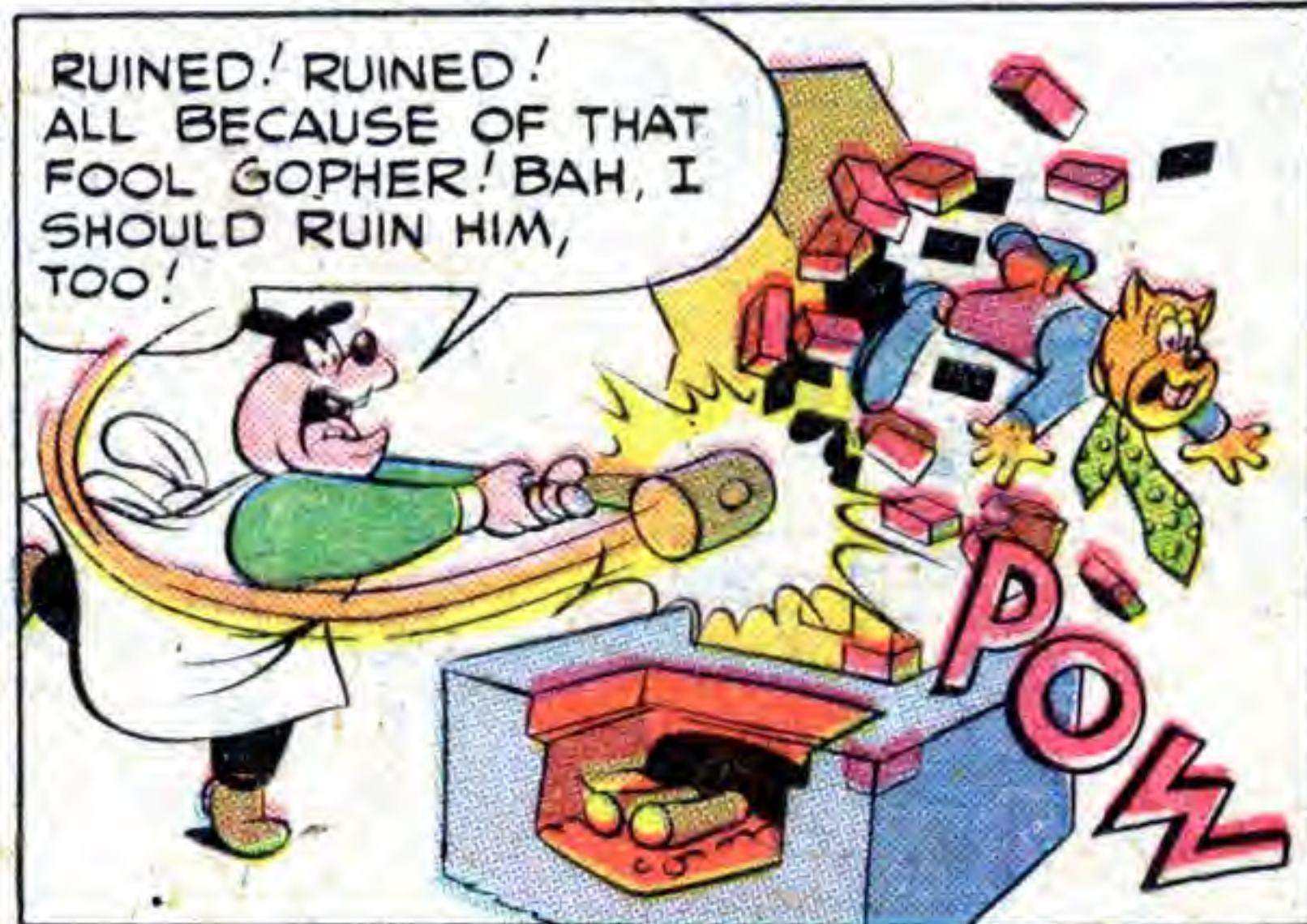
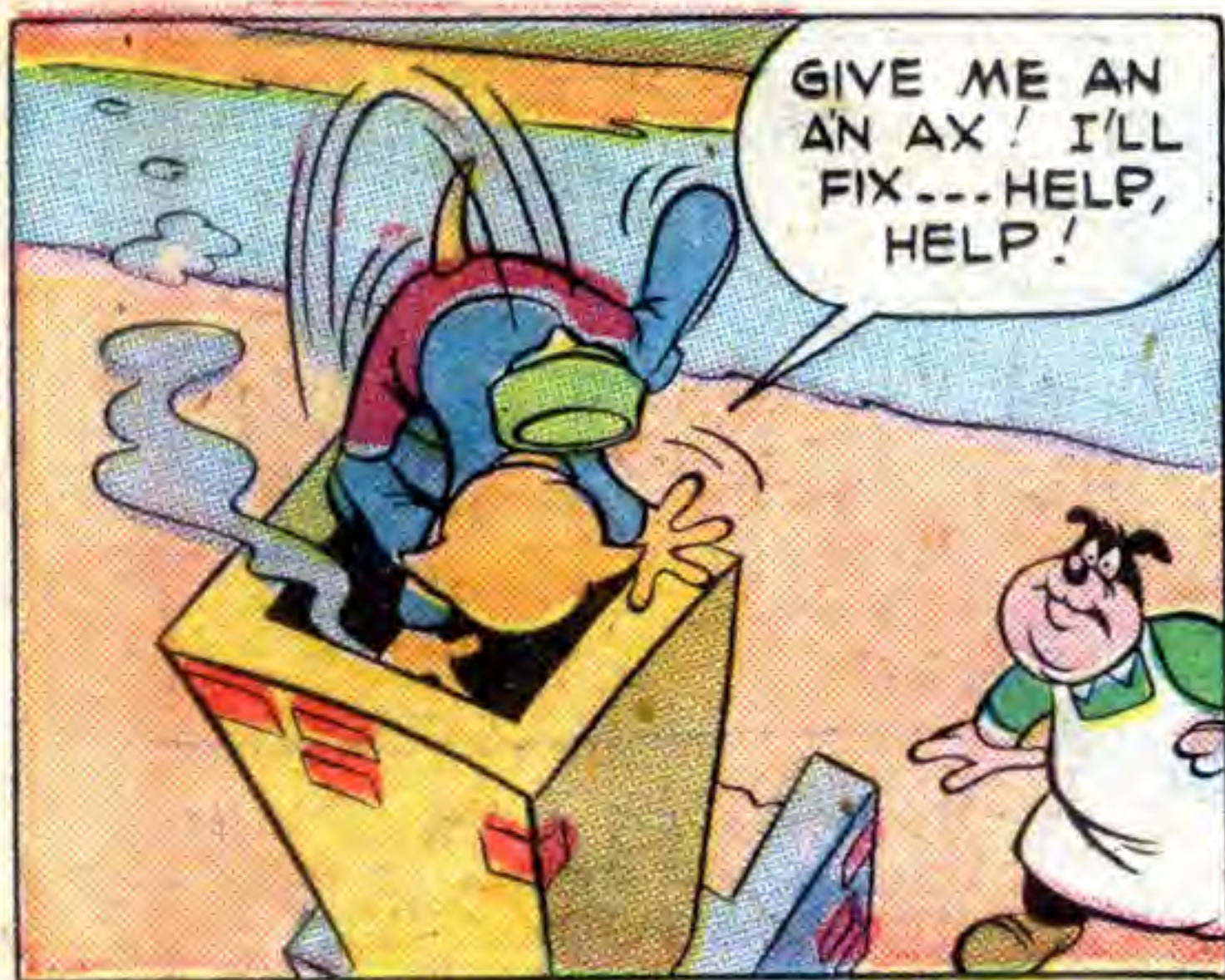


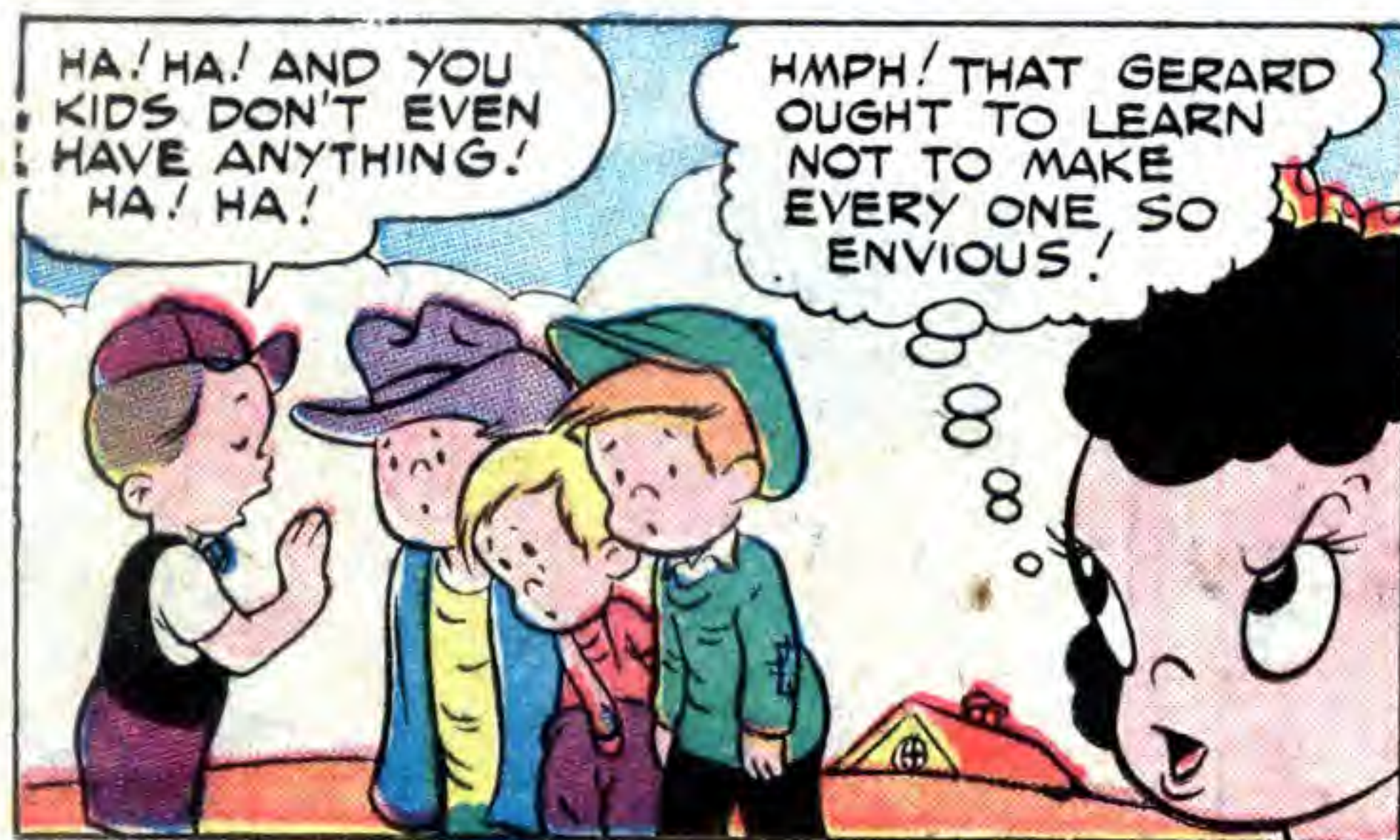
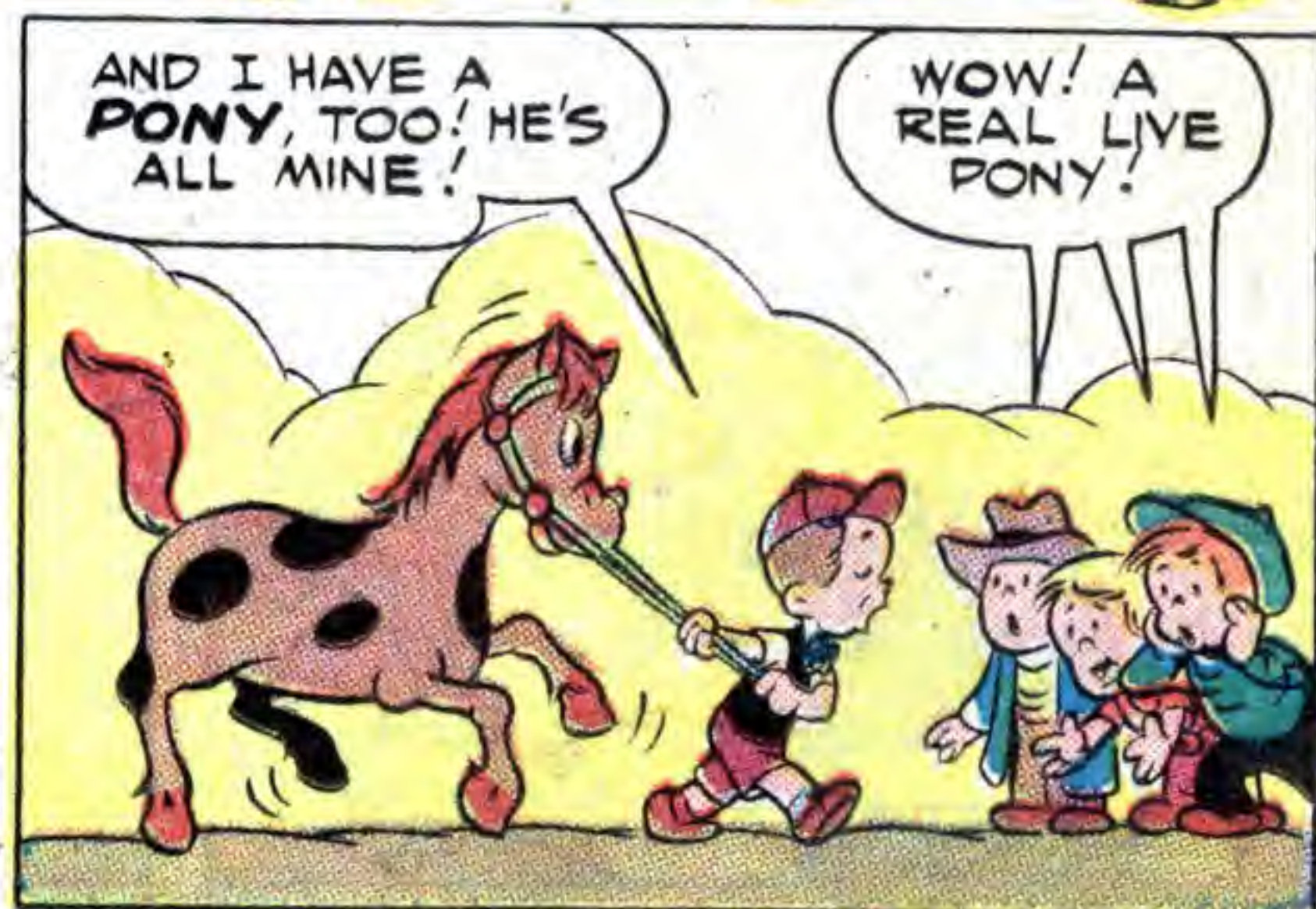
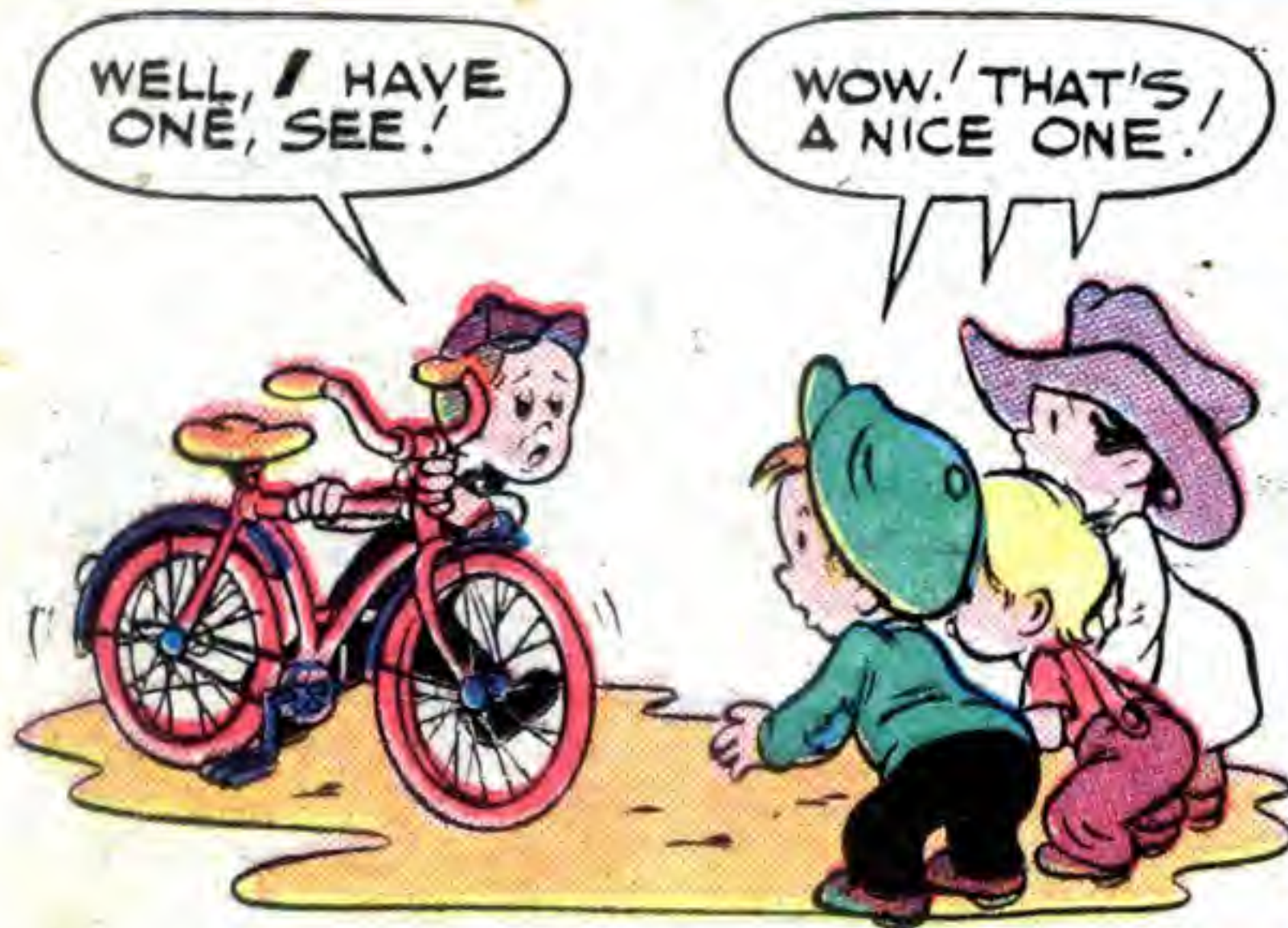
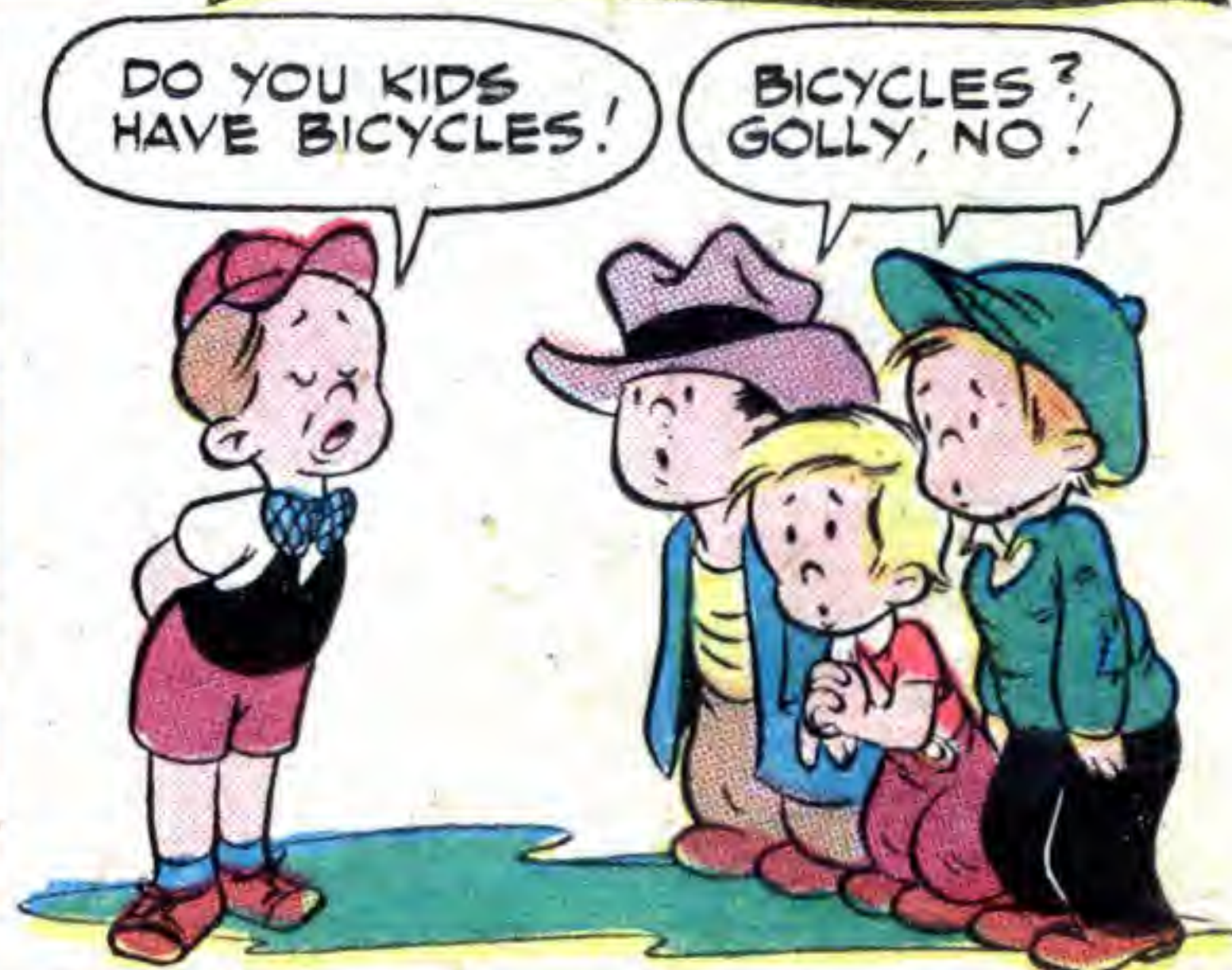
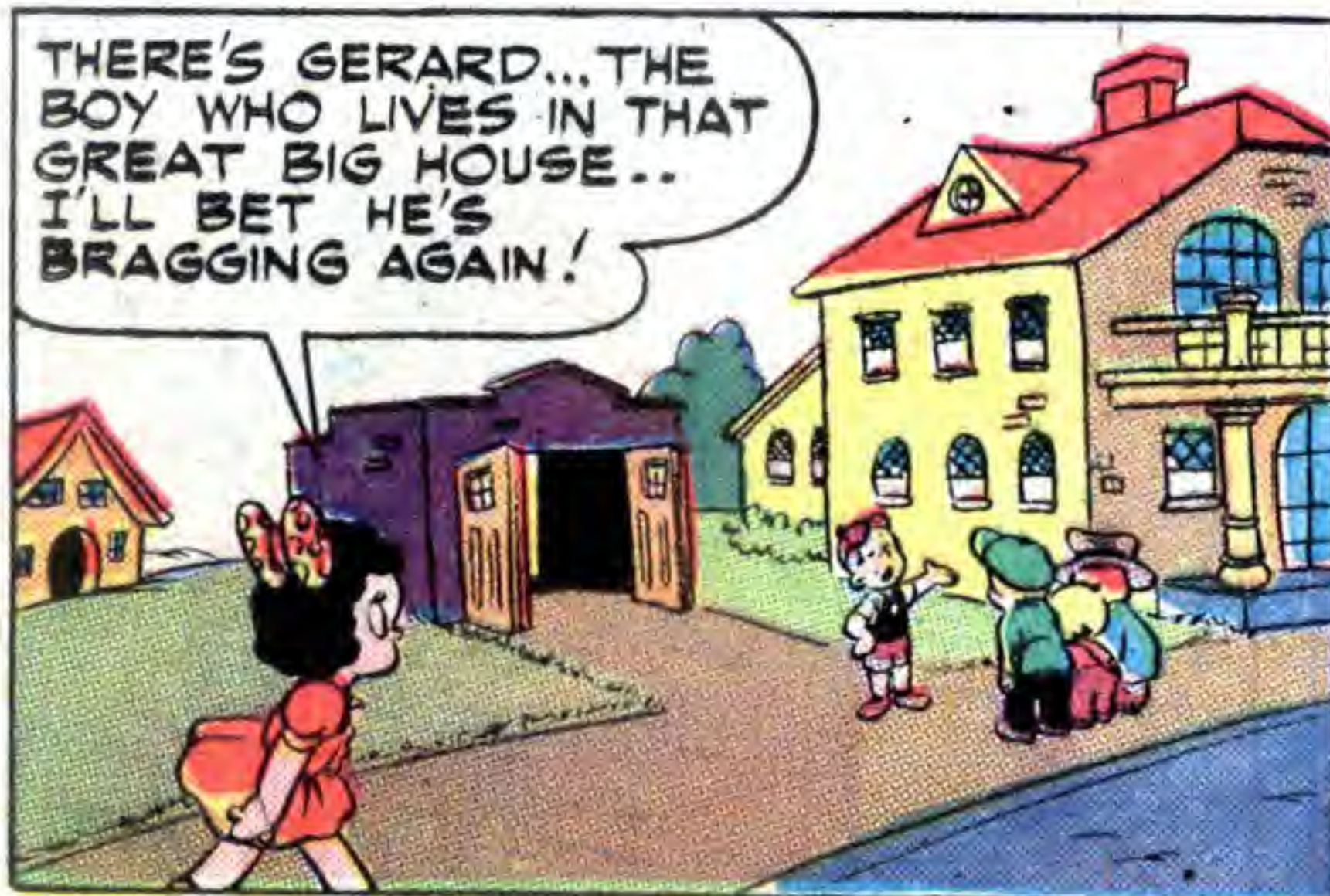
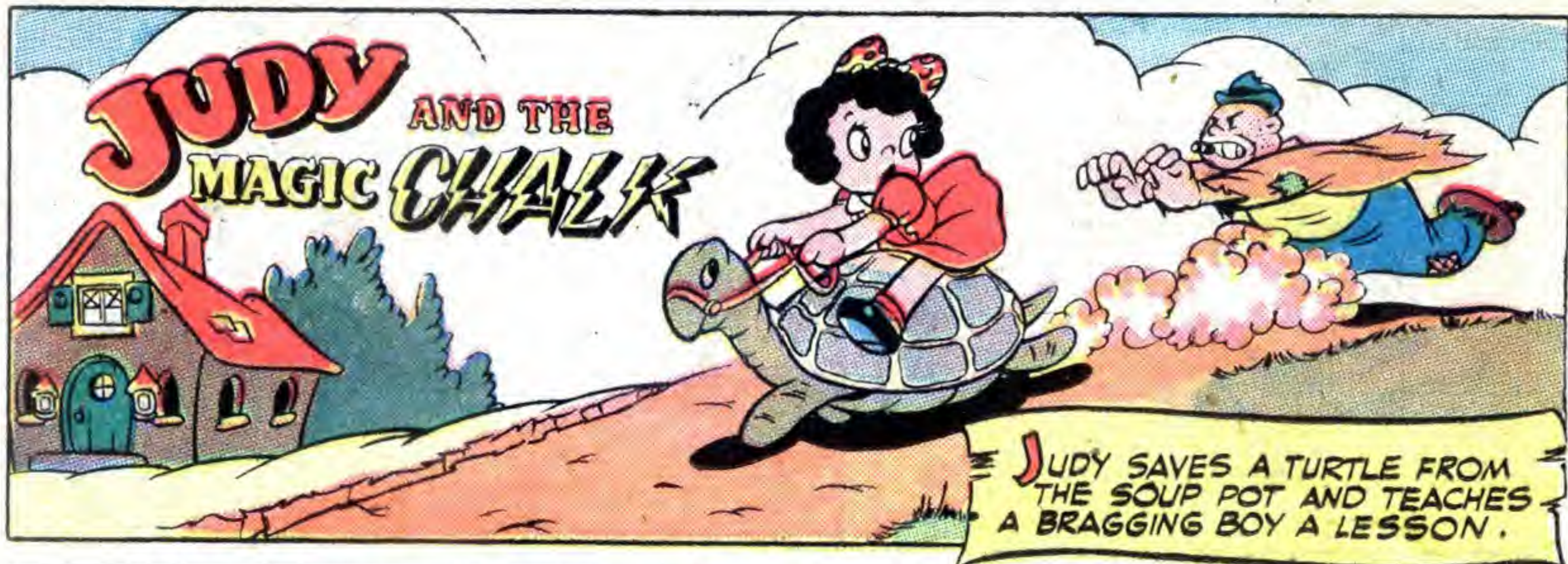
GOOFUS

the
Gopher

HEH, HEH! THIS'LL
TEACH HIM TO
WATCH WHAT
HE'S DOING!





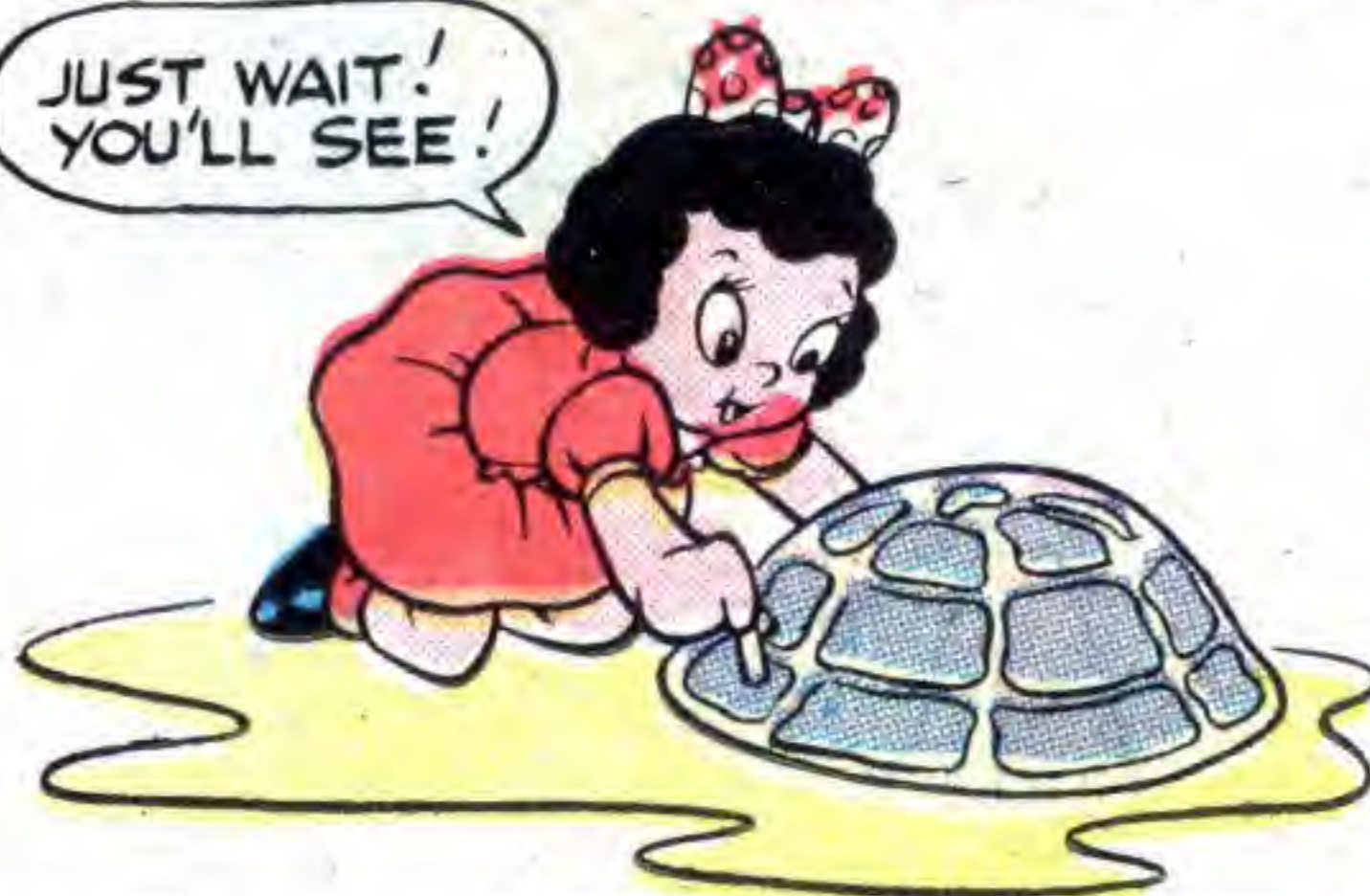


JUST FOR THAT, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU KIDS SOMETHING EVEN GERARD DOESN'T HAVE!!

WOW! JUDY, WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING WITH YOUR MAGIC CHALK?

WHATEVER JUDY DRAWS WITH HER MAGIC CHALK BECOMES REAL!

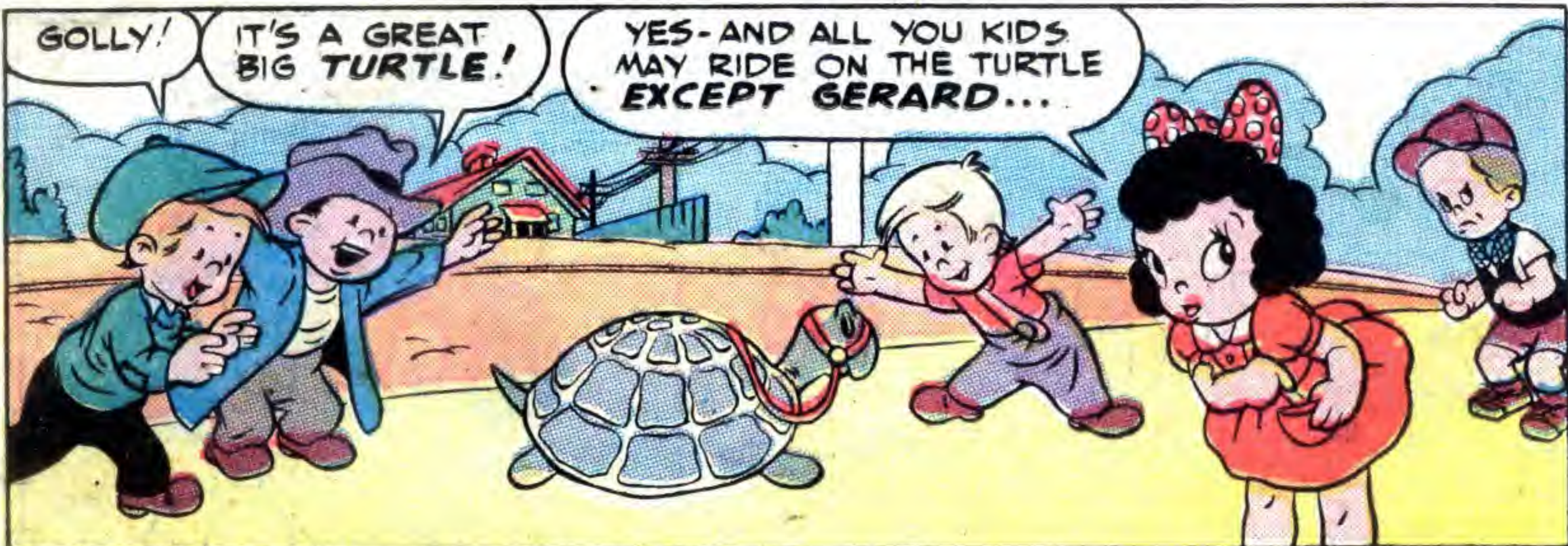
JUST WAIT! YOU'LL SEE!



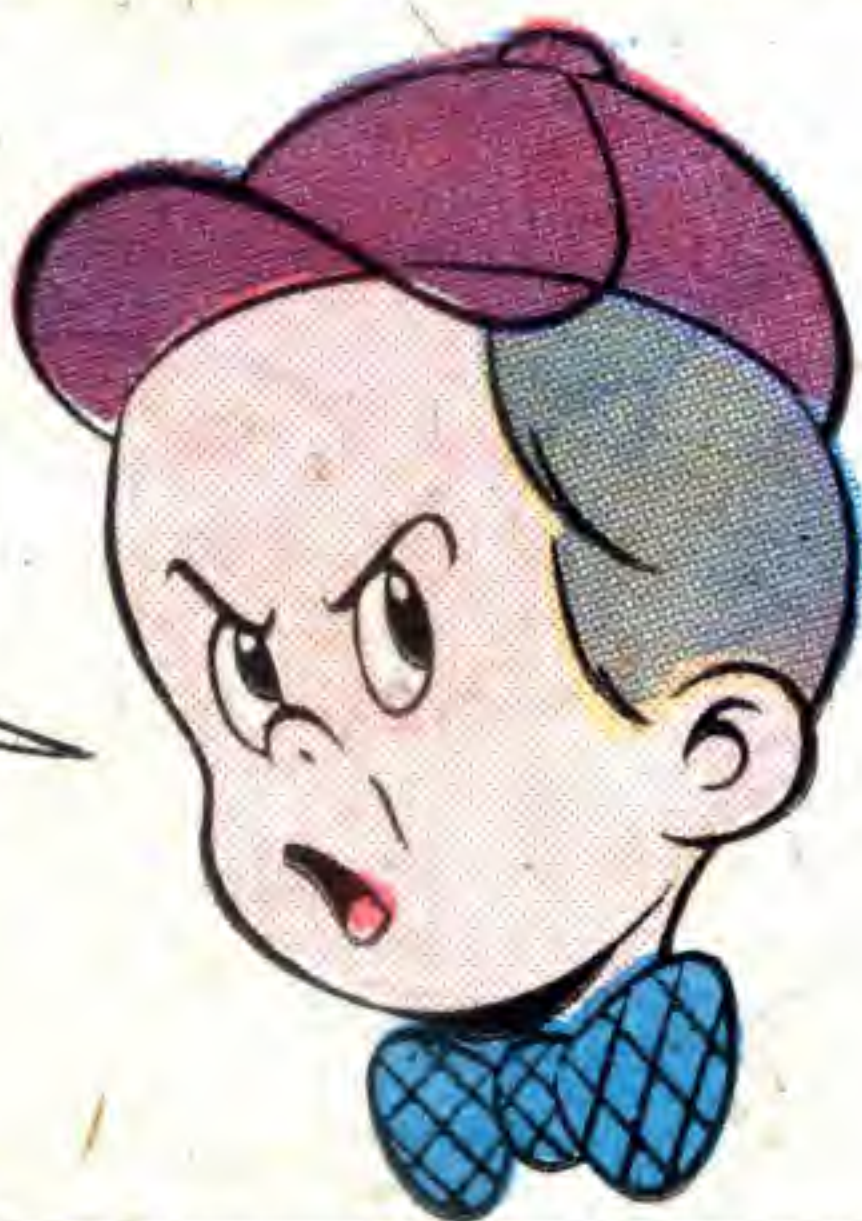
GOLLY!

IT'S A GREAT BIG TURTLE!

YES-AND ALL YOU KIDS MAY RIDE ON THE TURTLE EXCEPT GERARD...

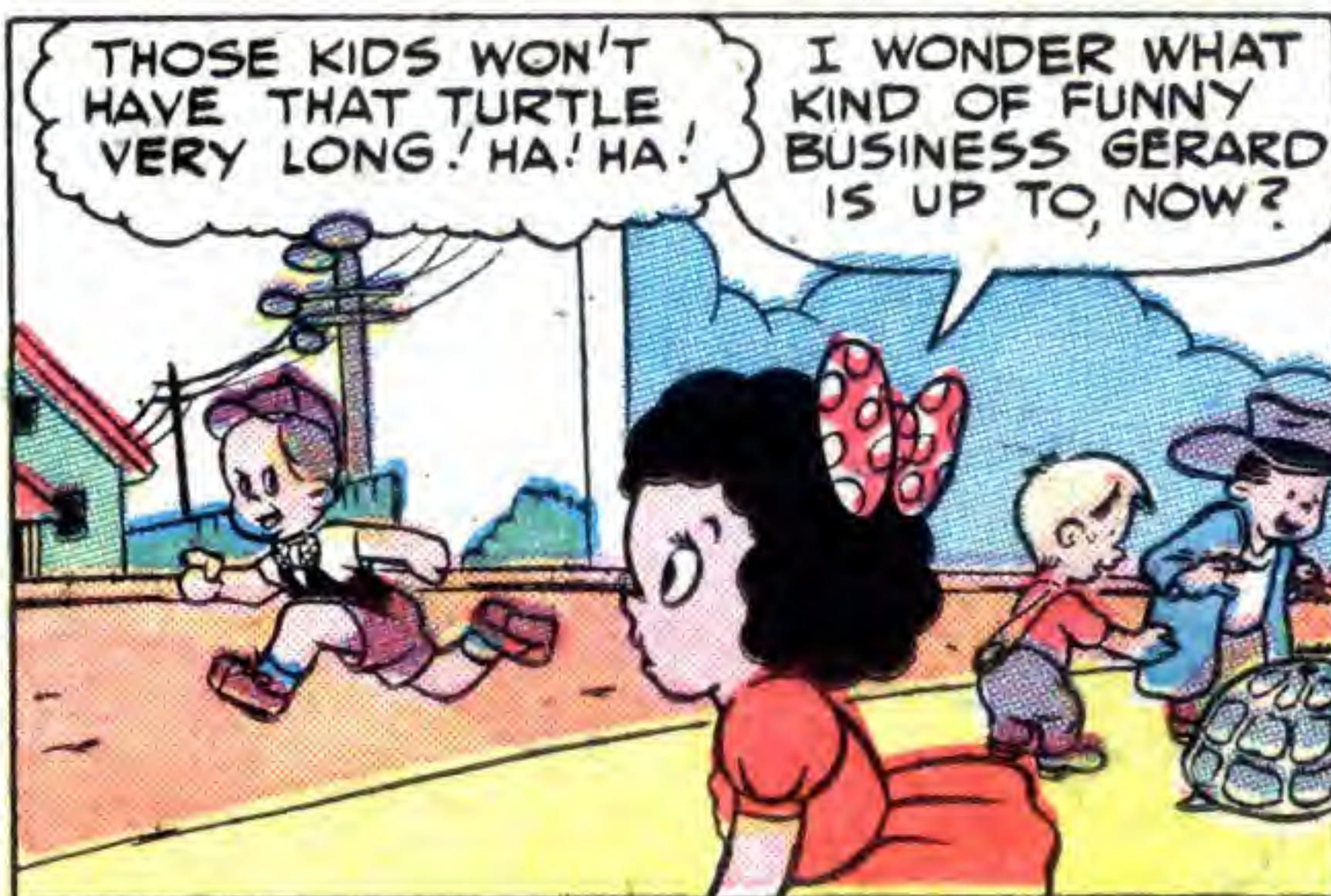


SO YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART, HUH, JUDY? WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU!

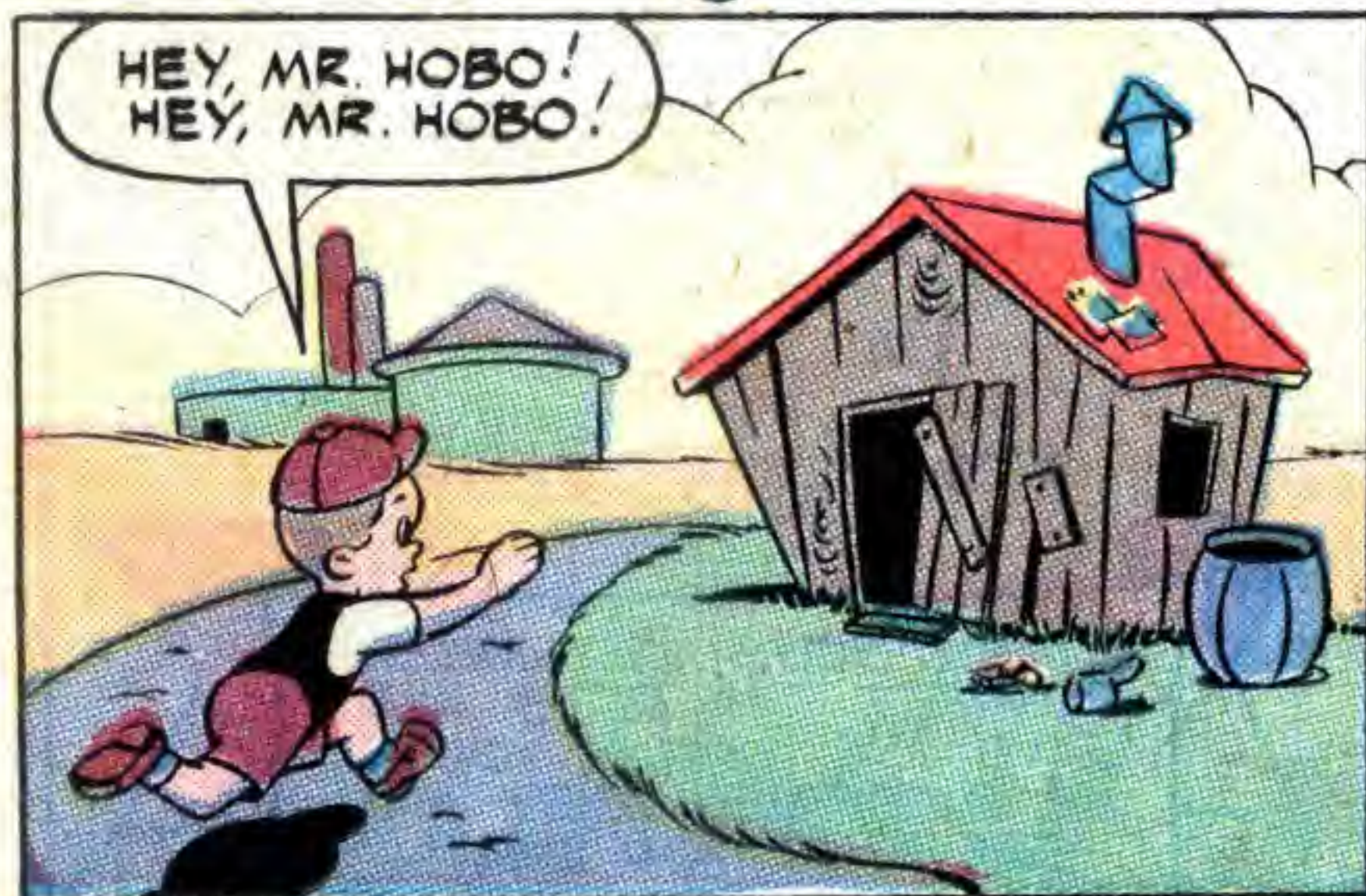


THOSE KIDS WON'T HAVE THAT TURTLE VERY LONG! HA! HA!

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF FUNNY BUSINESS GERARD IS UP TO, NOW?

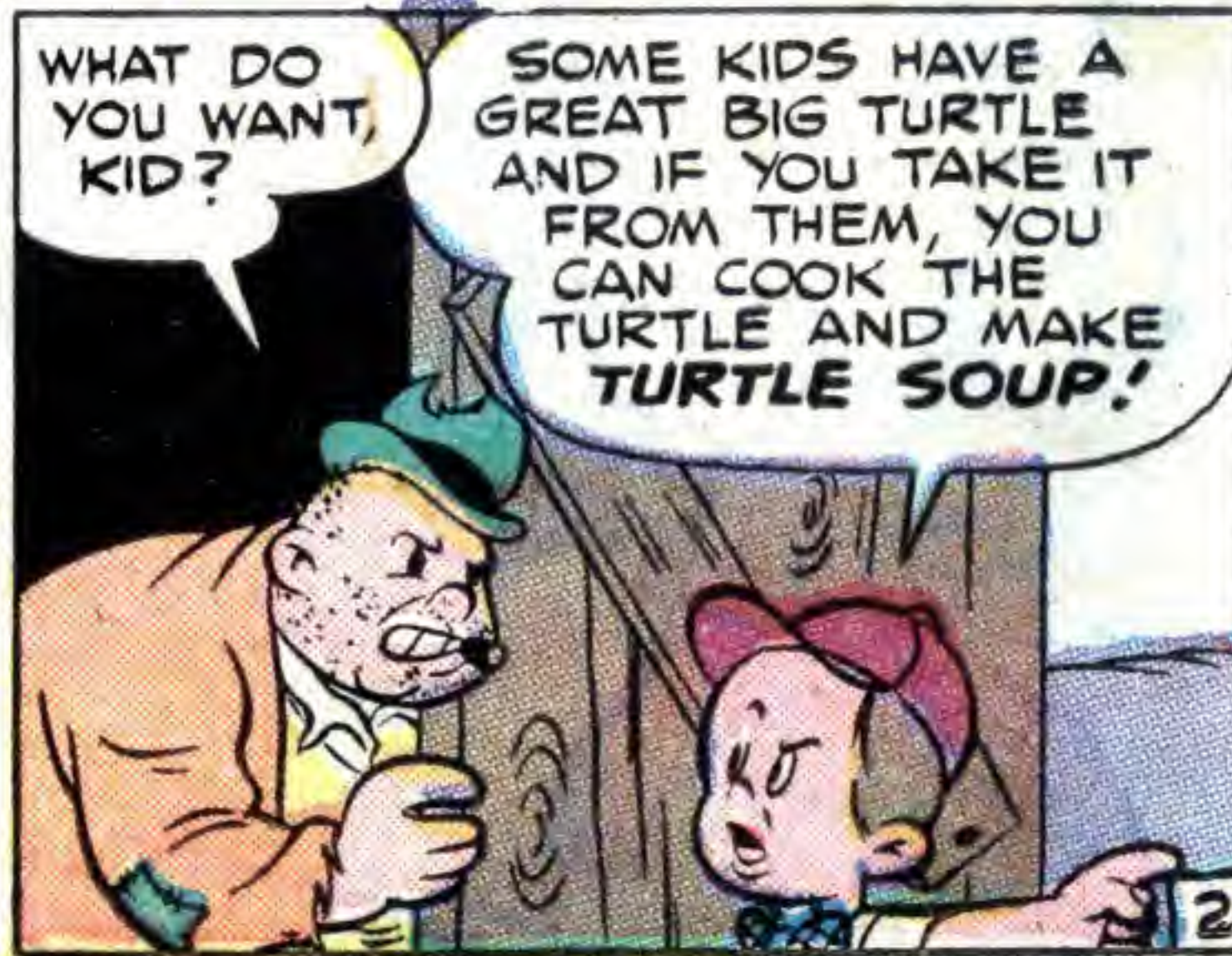


HEY, MR. HOBO! HEY, MR. HOBO!



WHAT DO YOU WANT, KID?

SOME KIDS HAVE A GREAT BIG TURTLE AND IF YOU TAKE IT FROM THEM, YOU CAN COOK THE TURTLE AND MAKE TURTLE SOUP!

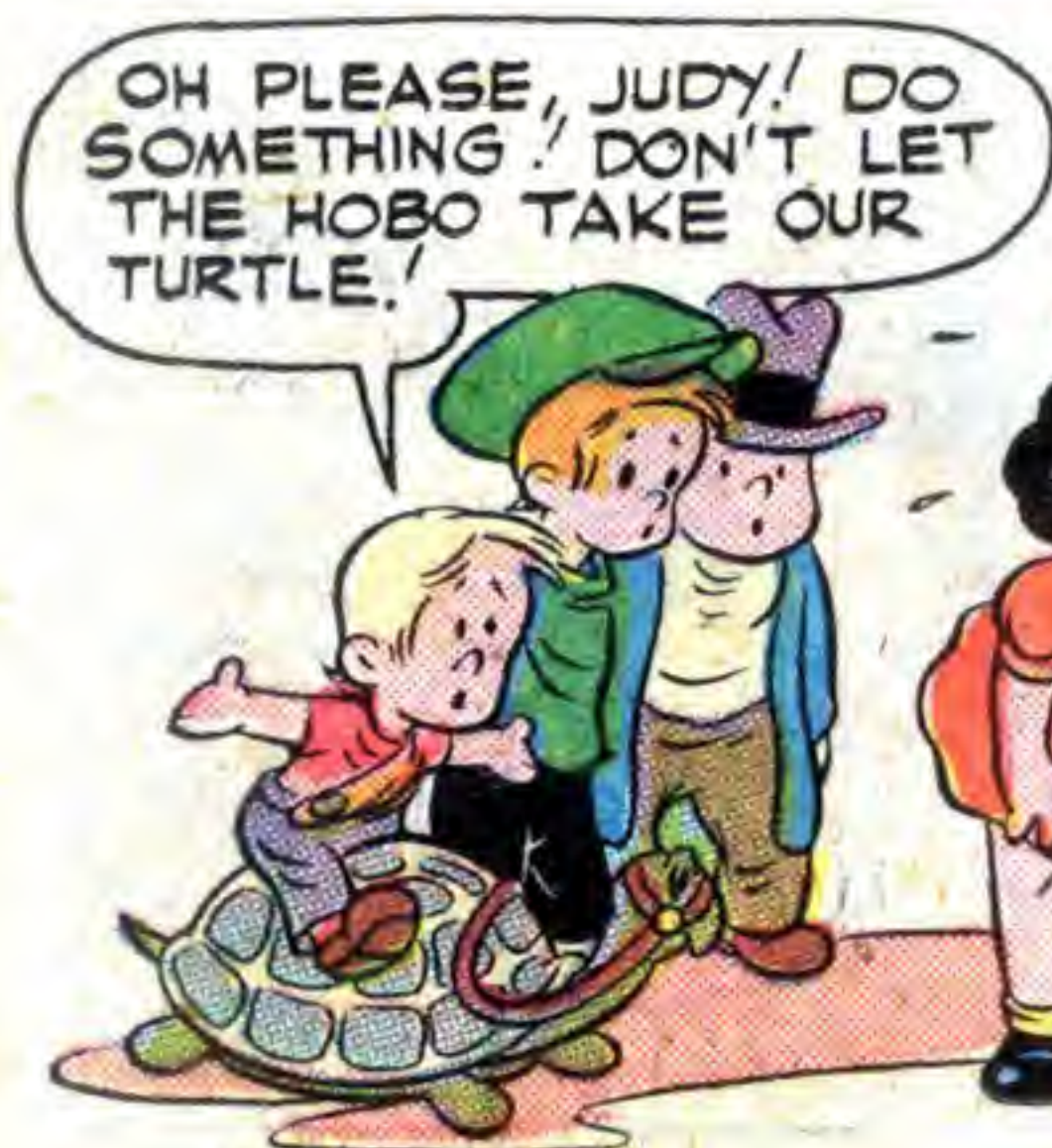




TURTLE SOUP HUH?
I LIKE THAT! I'LL
BE RIGHT OVER
TO GET THAT
TURTLE!



HA, HA! A HOBO IS
COMING IN A MINUTE!
HE'S GOING TO TAKE
THE TURTLE AWAY AND
COOK HIM!



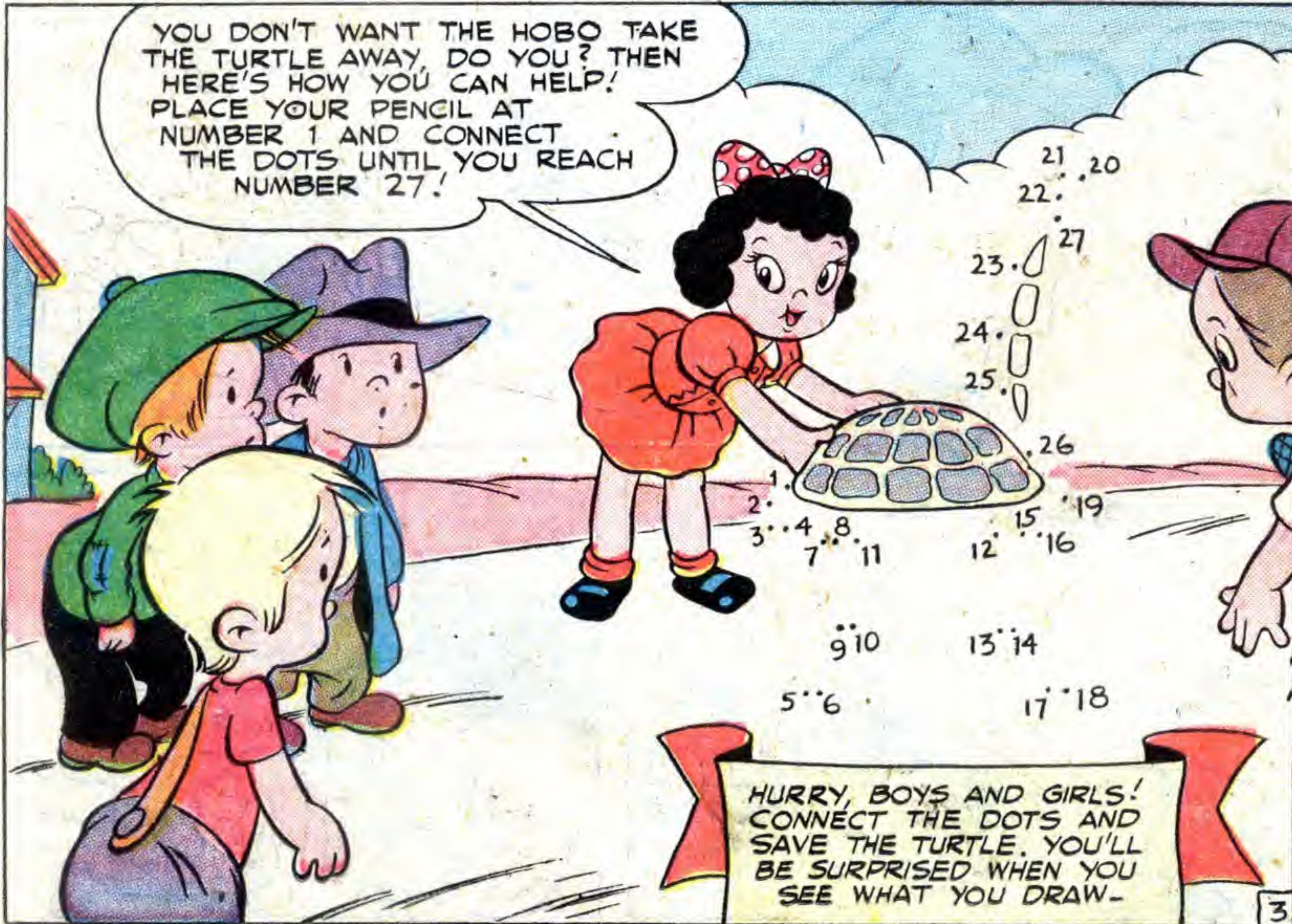
OH PLEASE, JUDY! DO
SOMETHING! DON'T LET
THE HOBO TAKE OUR
TURTLE!



GOSH! IF I
COULD ONLY
THINK OF
SOMETHING!

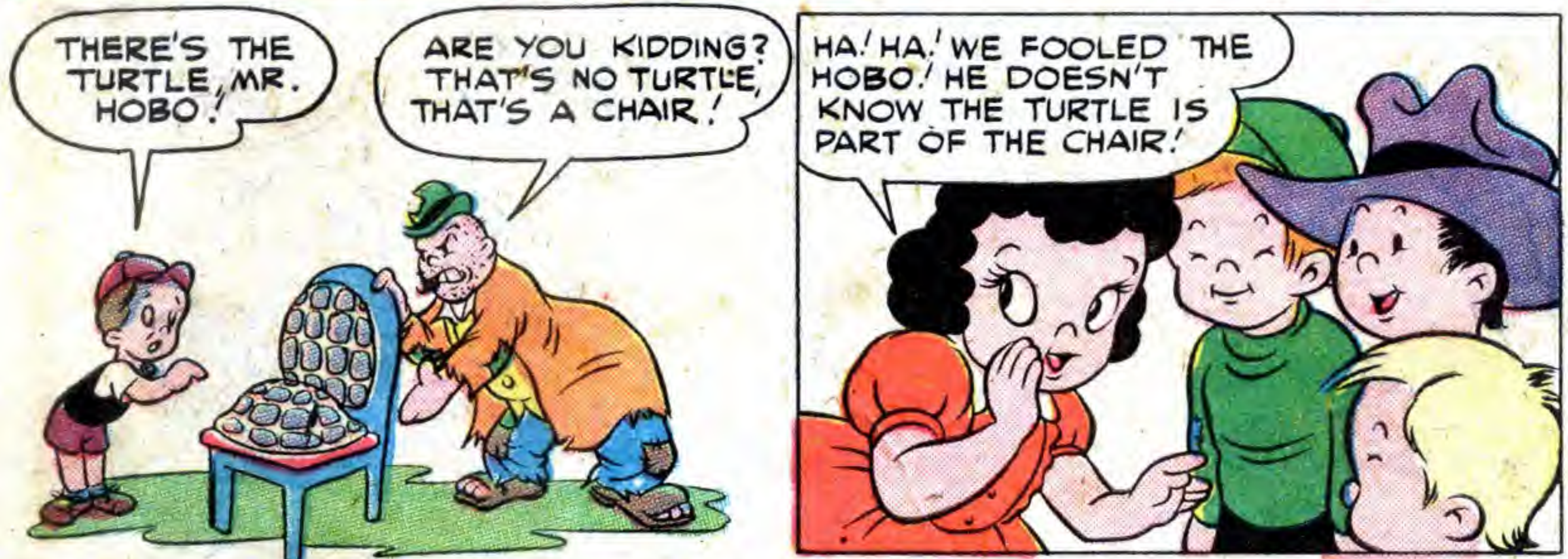
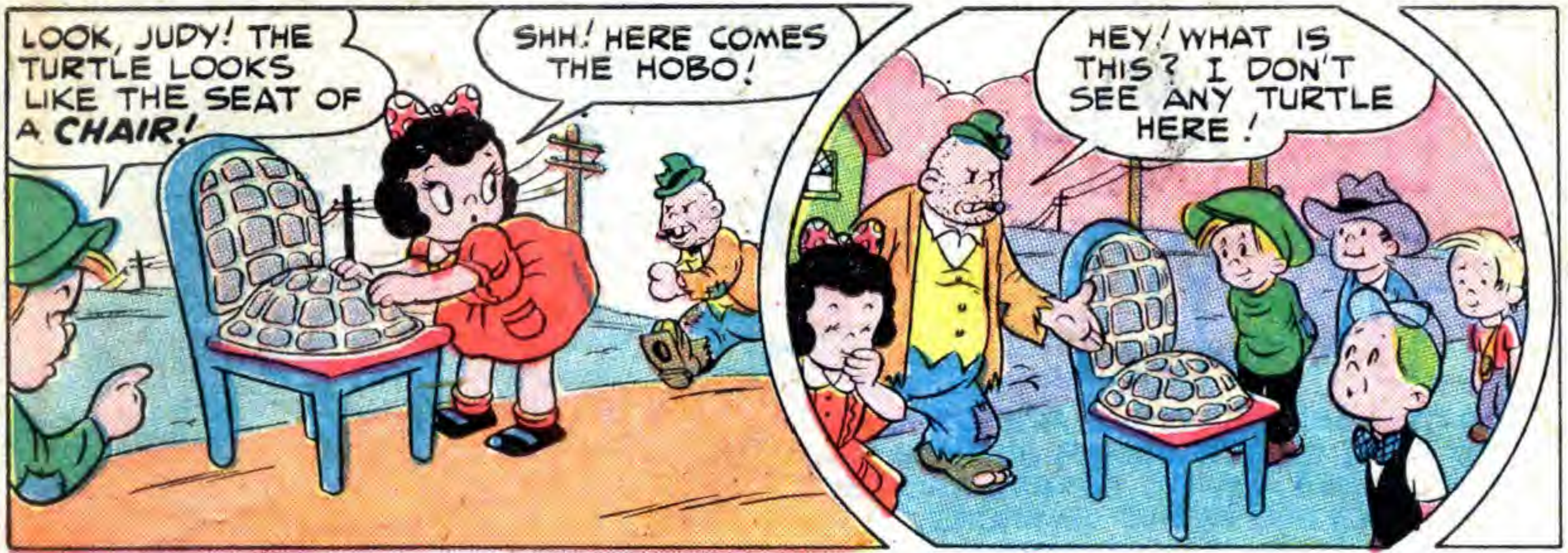


AHH! I HAVE AN
IDEA! BUT I'LL
NEED YOUR
HELP!



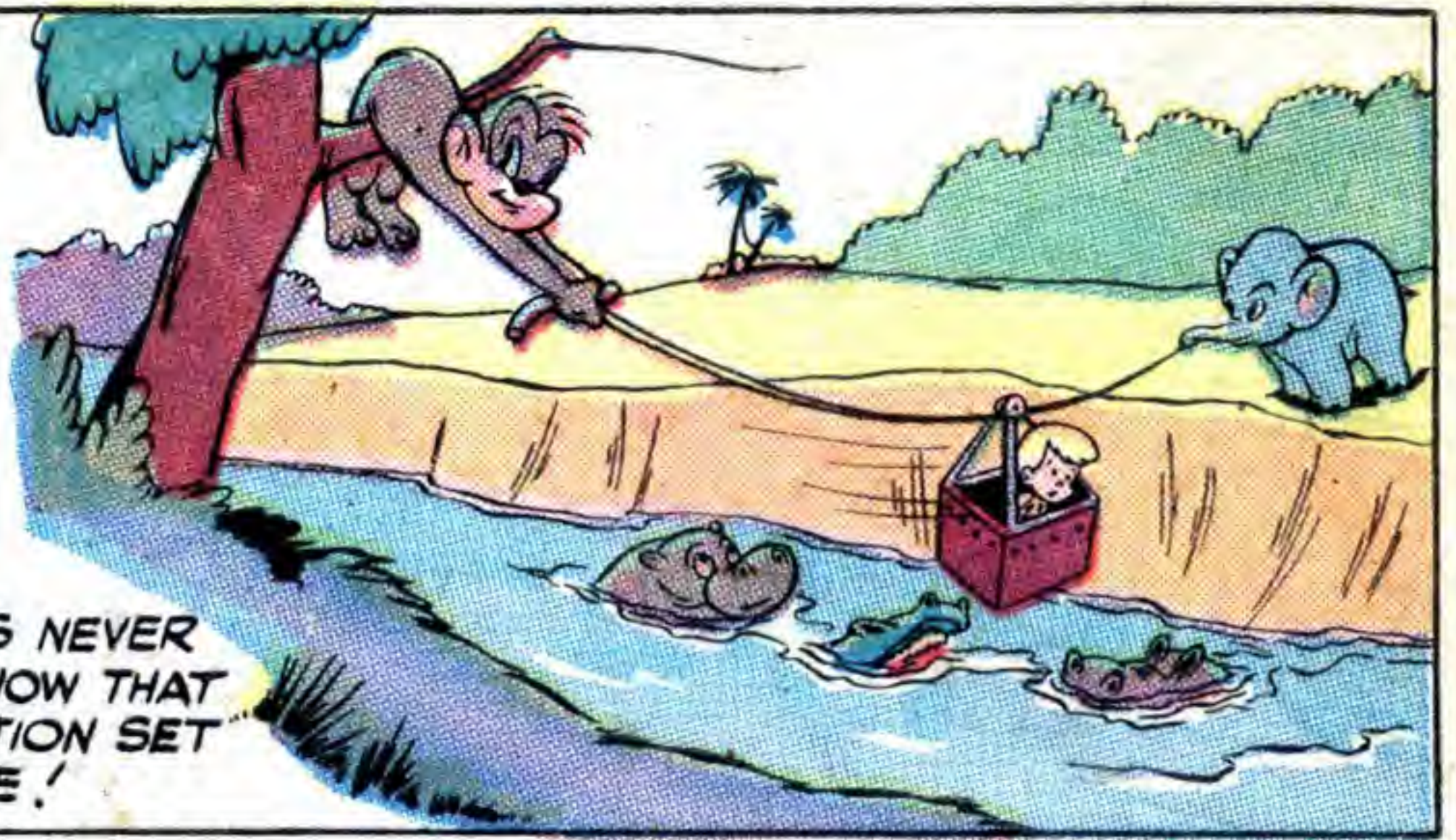
YOU DON'T WANT THE HOBO TAKE
THE TURTLE AWAY, DO YOU? THEN
HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!
PLACE YOUR PENCIL AT
NUMBER 1 AND CONNECT
THE DOTS UNTIL YOU REACH
NUMBER 27!

HURRY, BOYS AND GIRLS!
CONNECT THE DOTS AND
SAVE THE TURTLE. YOU'LL
BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU
SEE WHAT YOU DRAW.



TOM-TOM

TOM-TOM AND HIS JUNGLE FRIENDS NEVER WENT NEAR THE BIG SWAMP, BUT NOW THAT TOM-TOM HAS A MAGIC CONSTRUCTION SET THEY ARE NOT AFRAID ANYMORE!



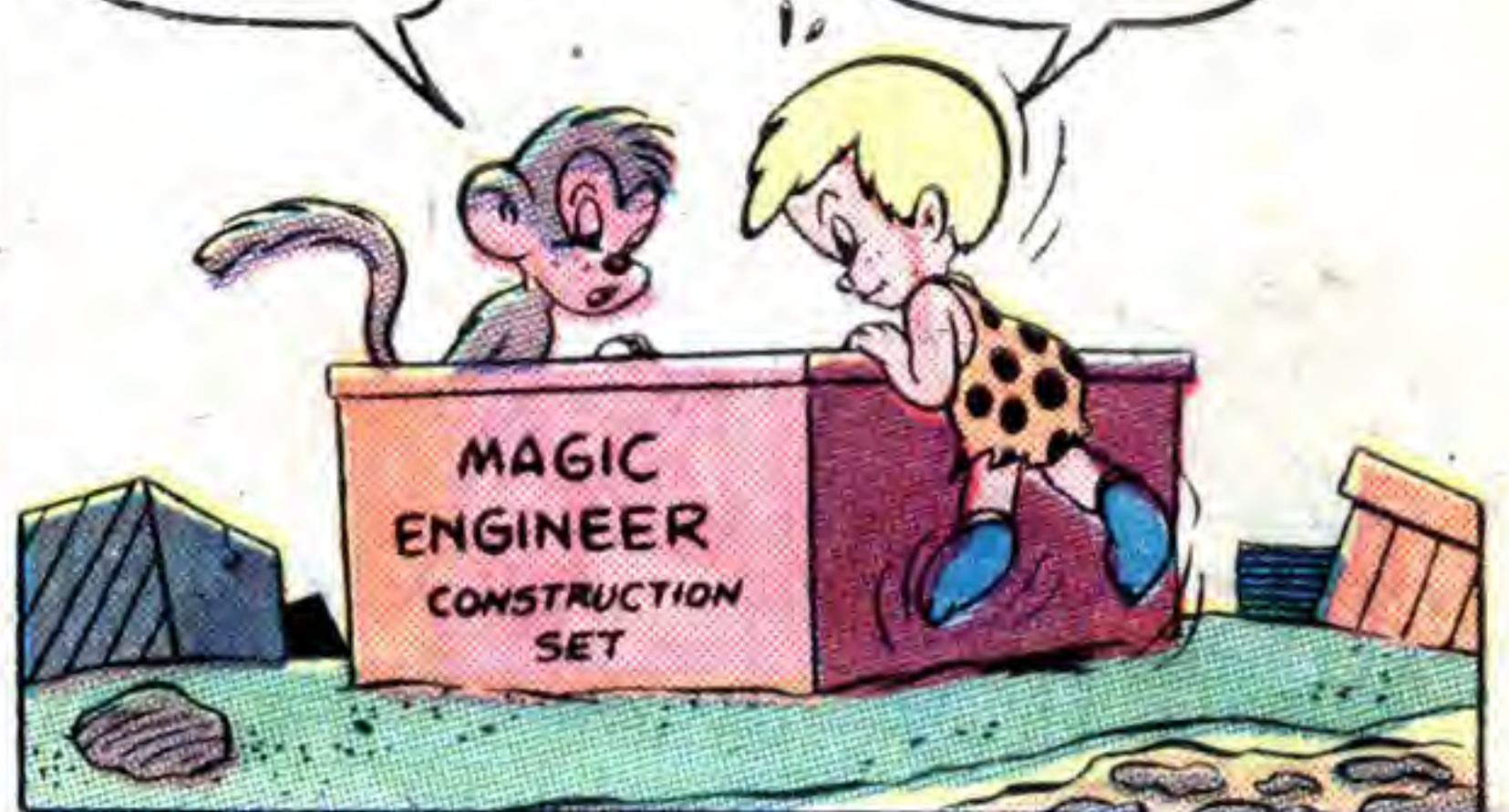
WHEW! THAT WAS THE WORST STORM WE EVER HAD!

BUT LOOK AT WHAT IT BROUGHT! WONDER WHAT IS IN THOSE BOXES?



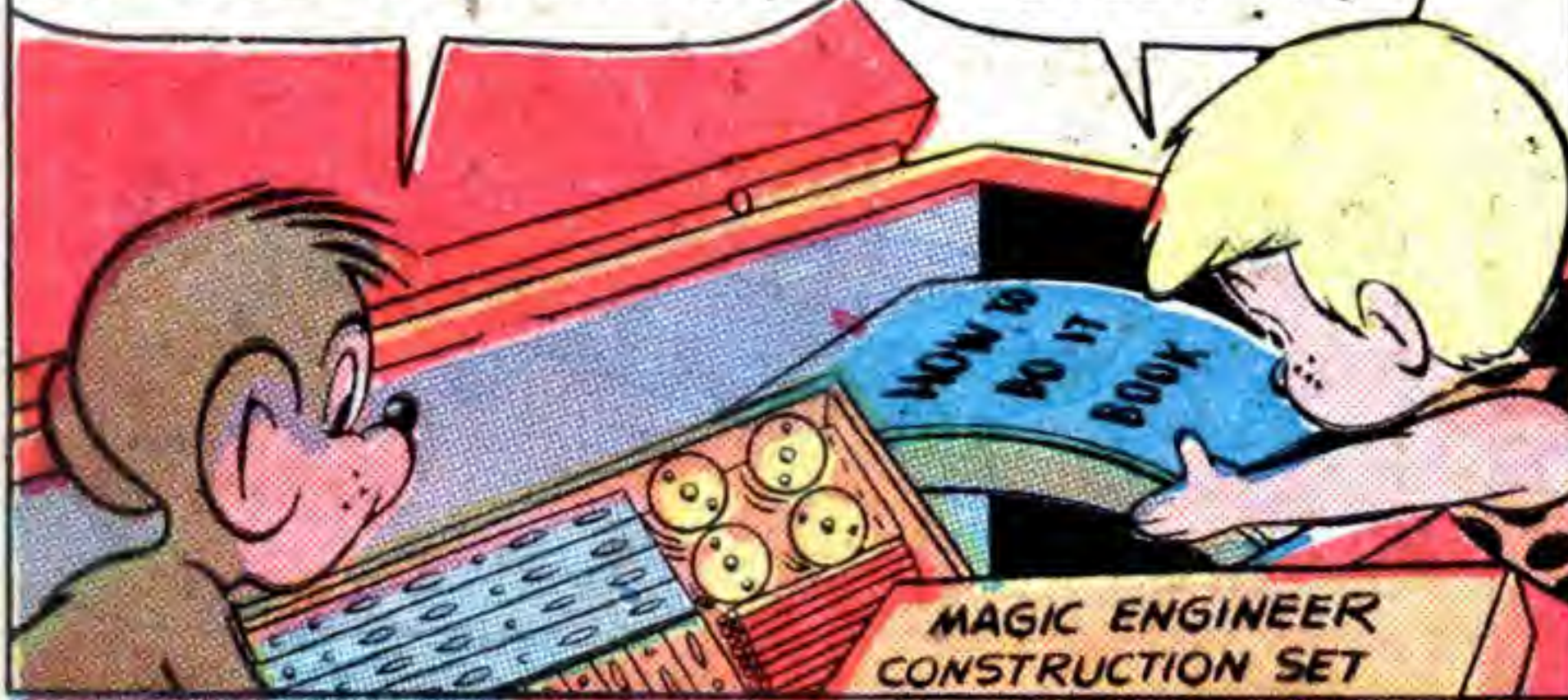
LET'S OPEN THIS AND SEE!

ALL RIGHT, HELP ME WITH IT!



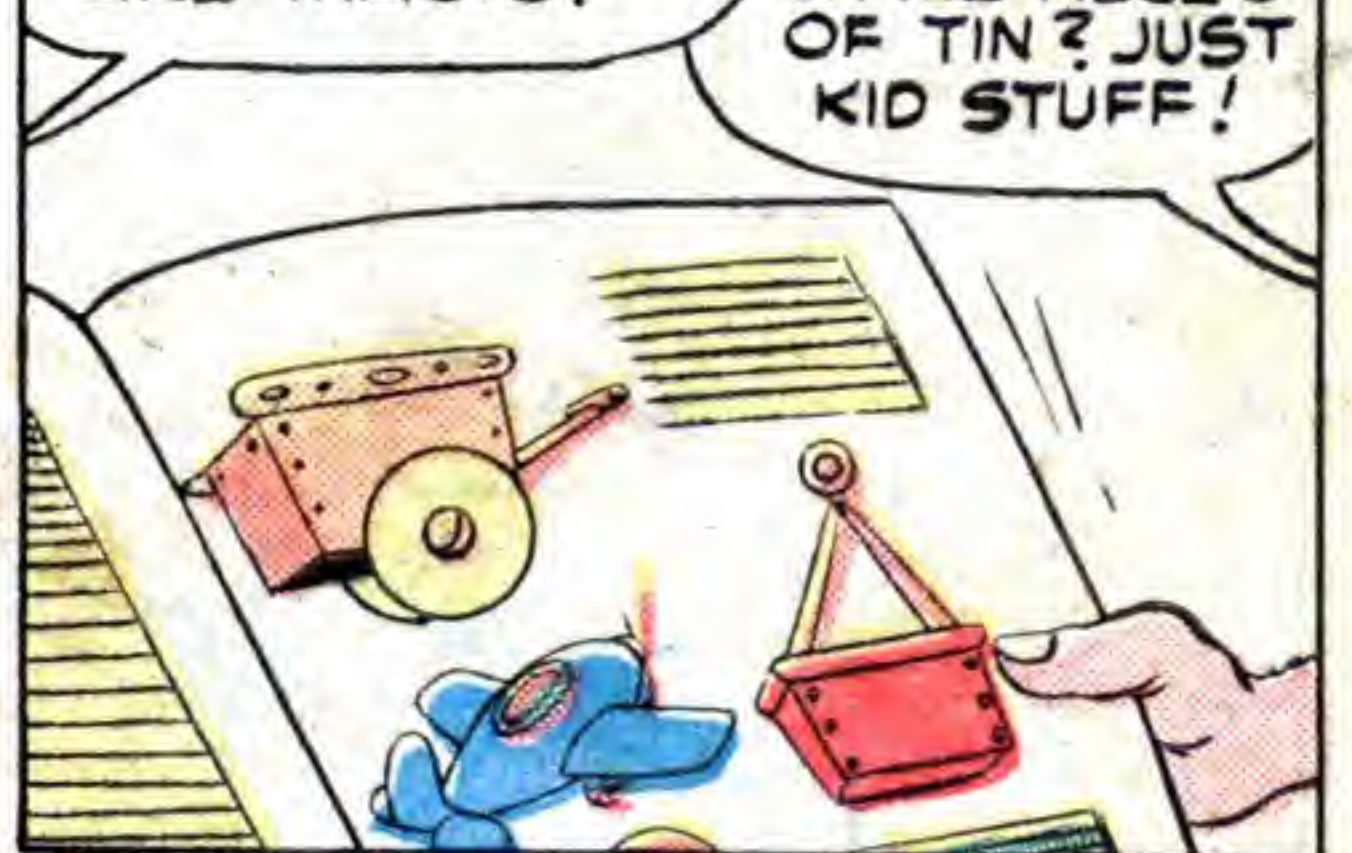
LOOK, TOM! MAGIC ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION SET! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT MEANS?

HERE'S A BOOK THAT TELLS YOU HOW! LET'S STUDY IT!



GOLLY, WE CAN MAKE ALMOST ANYTHING WITH THIS, JUST LIKE MAGIC!

WITH THOSE LITTLE PIECES OF TIN? JUST KID STUFF!



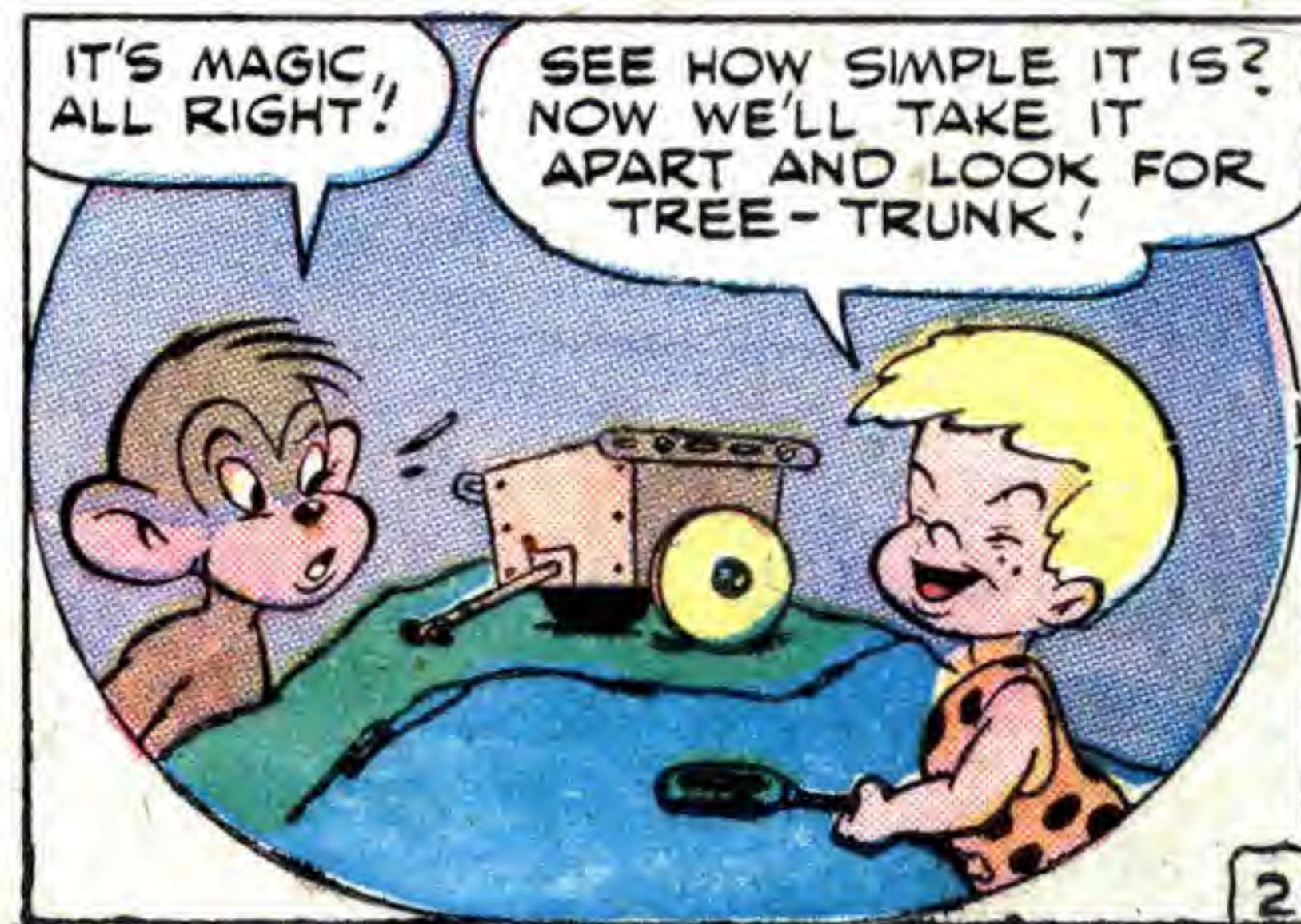
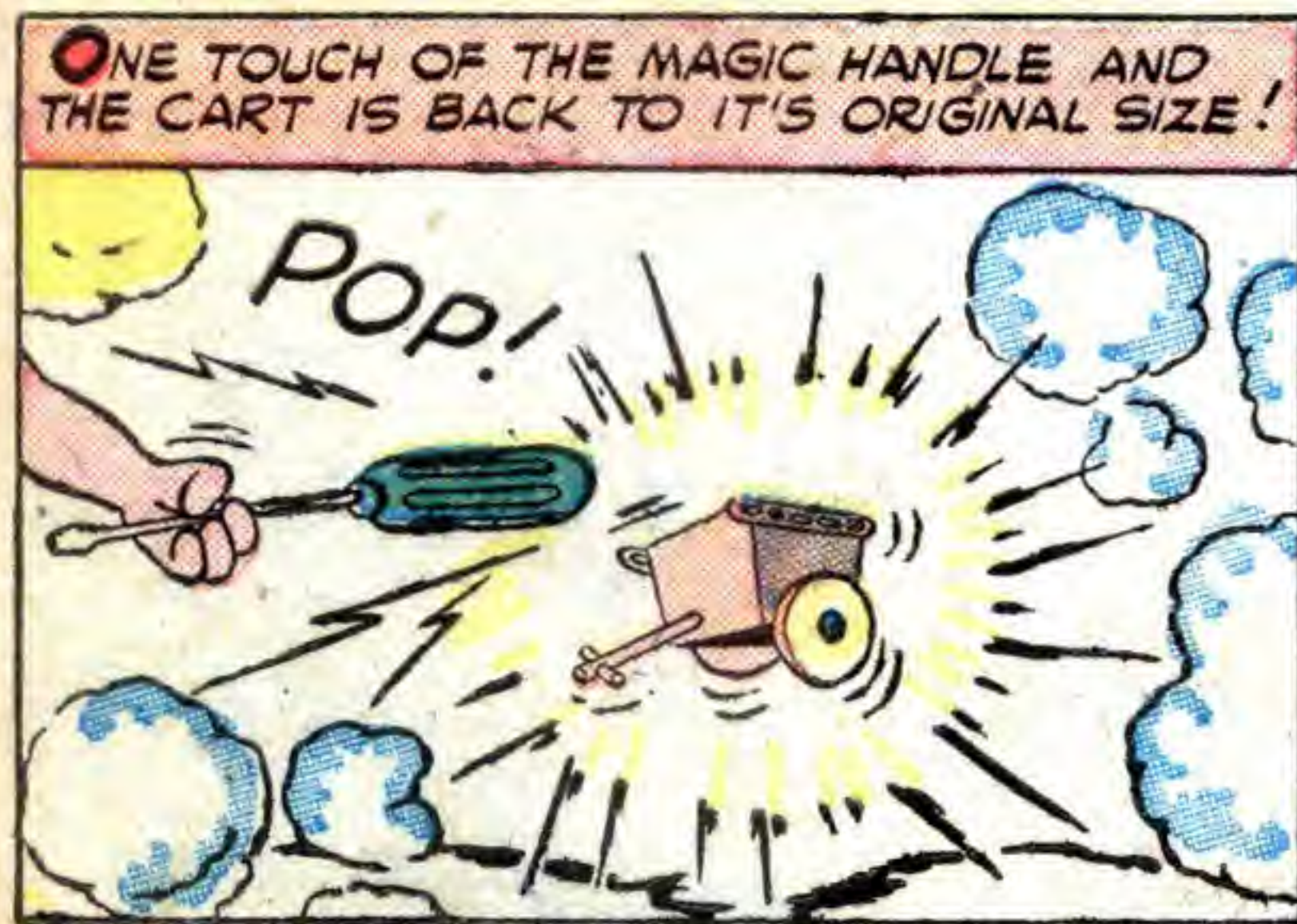
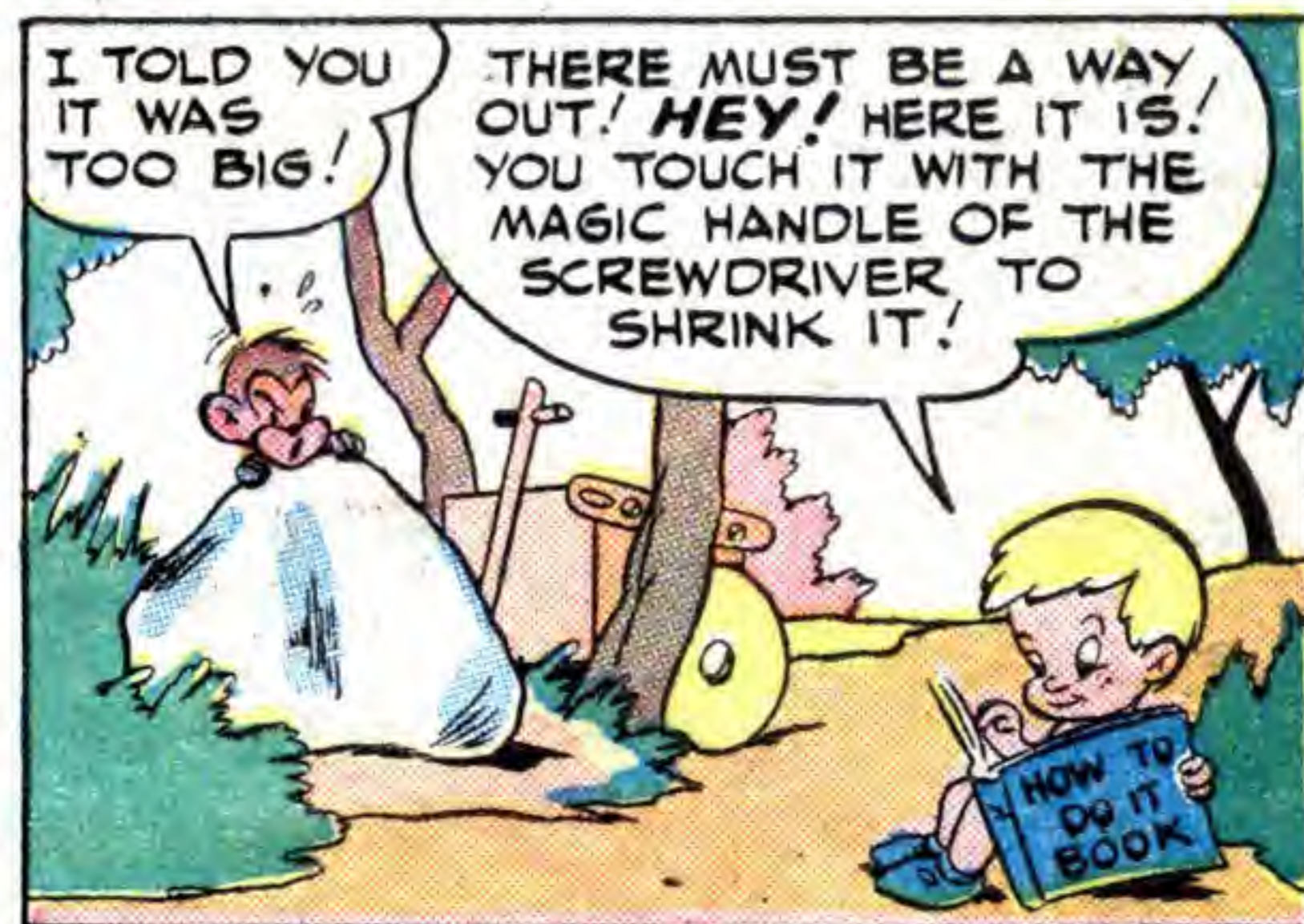
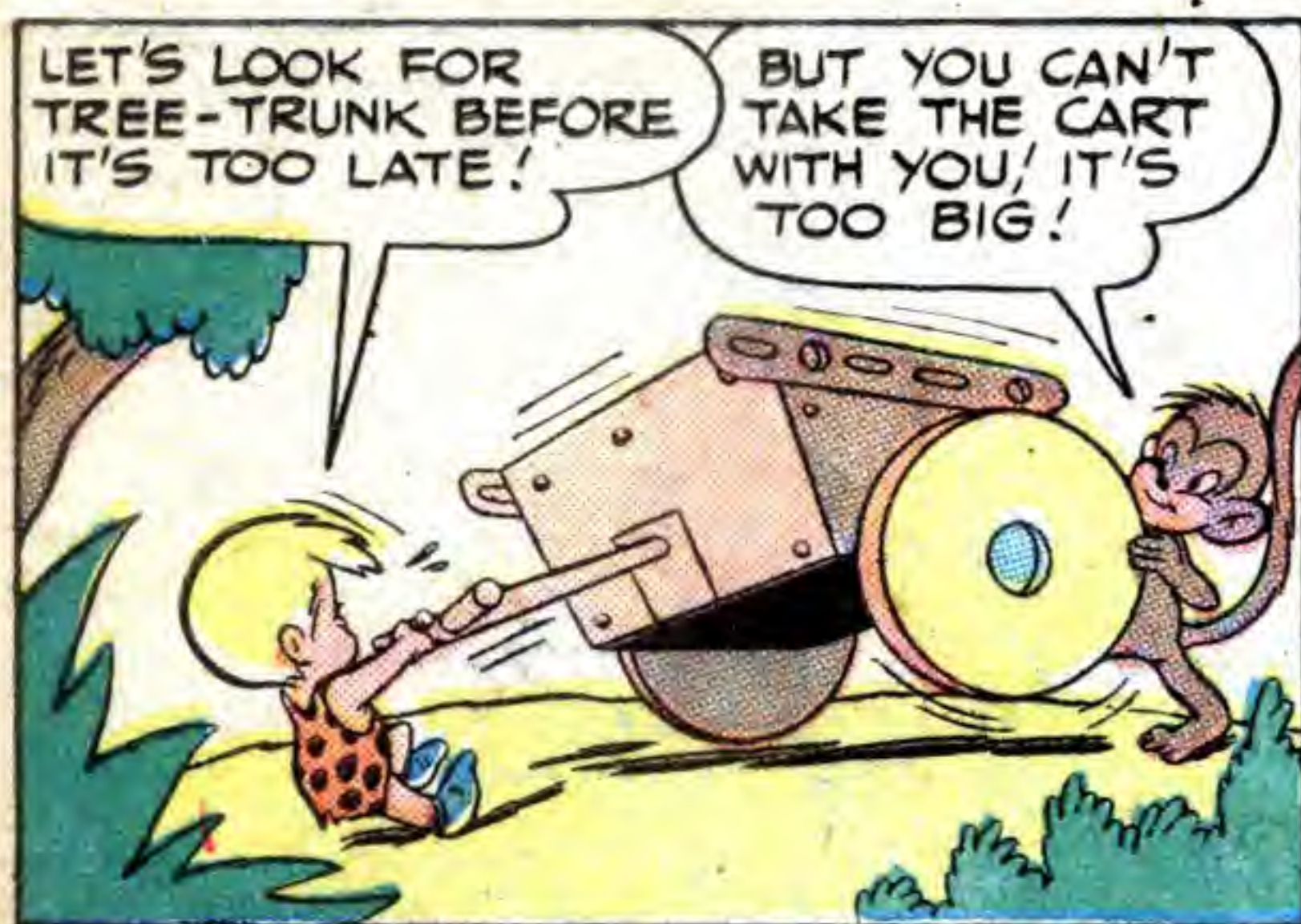
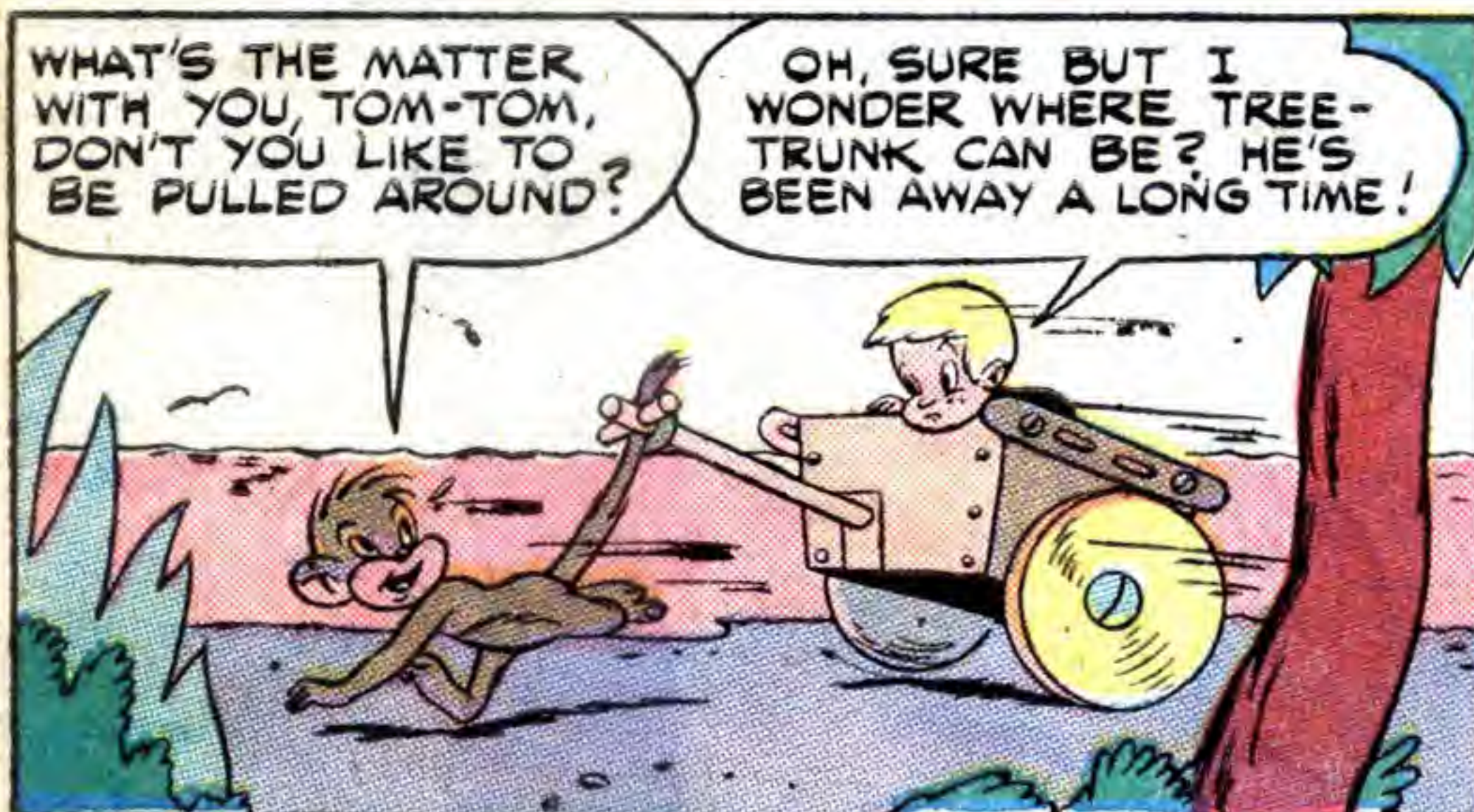
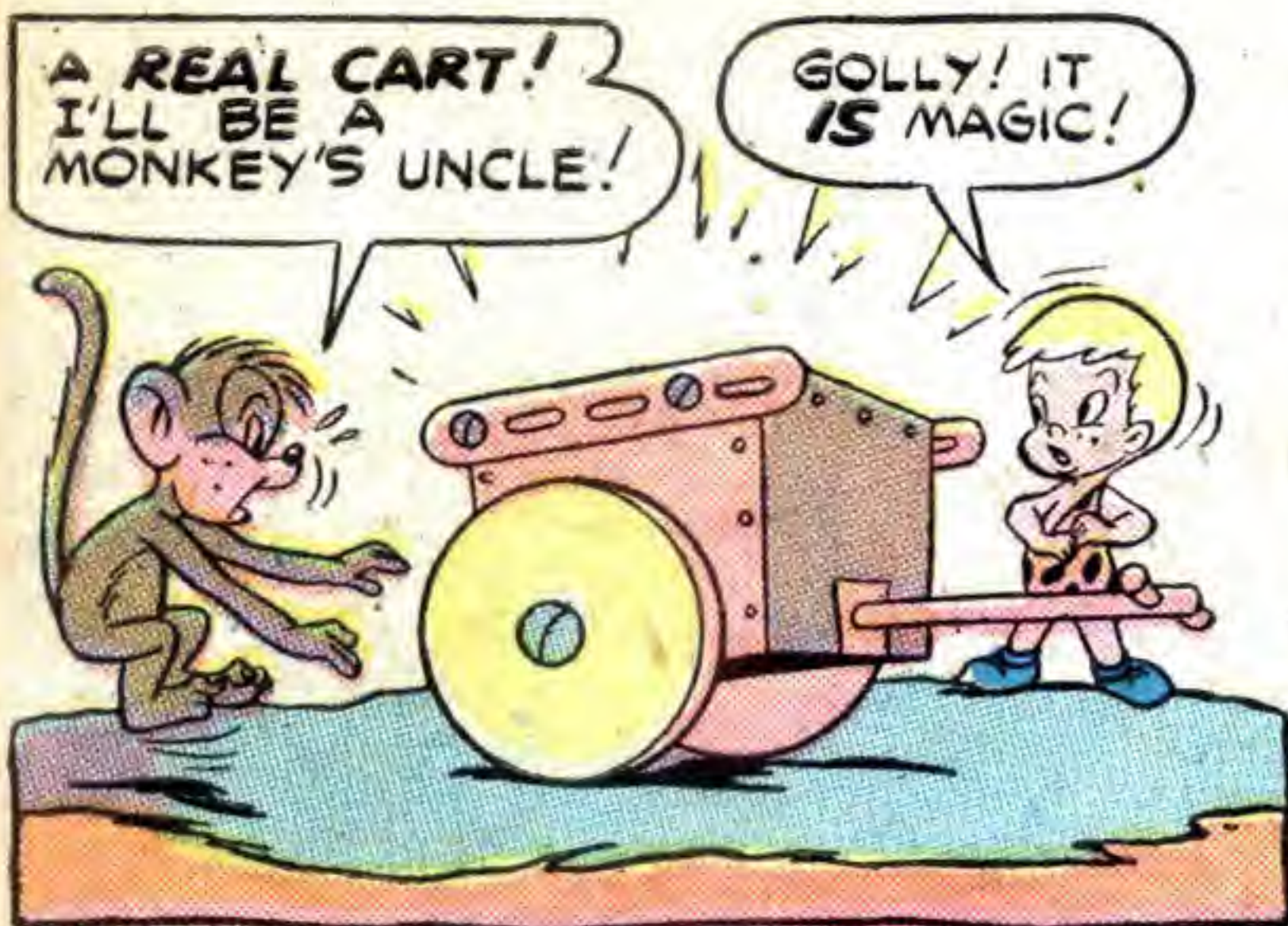
IS THAT SO! WELL, TOUCH IT! I DARE YOU! I'LL MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF YOU!

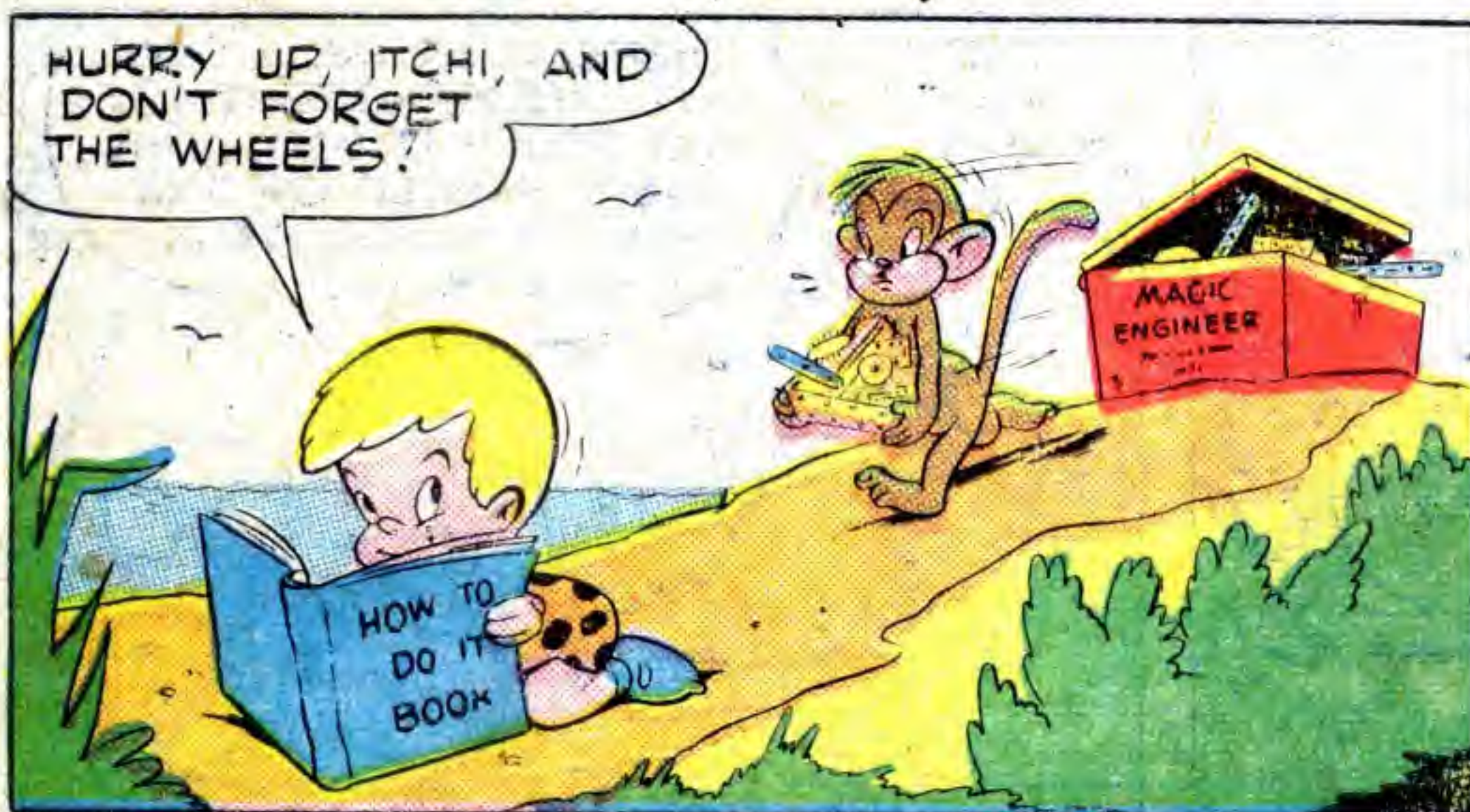
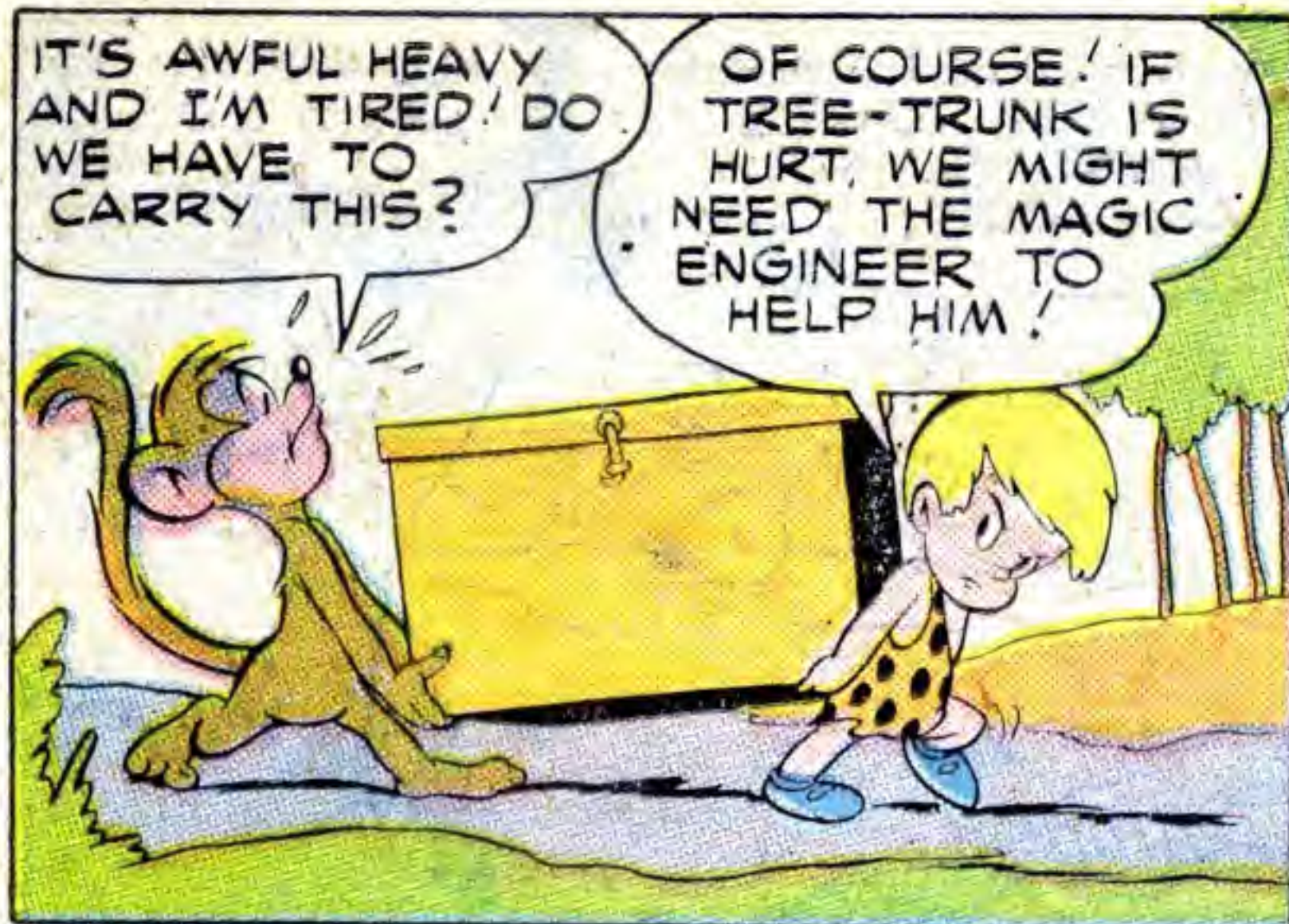
I'M A MONKEY ALREADY! HA! HA!

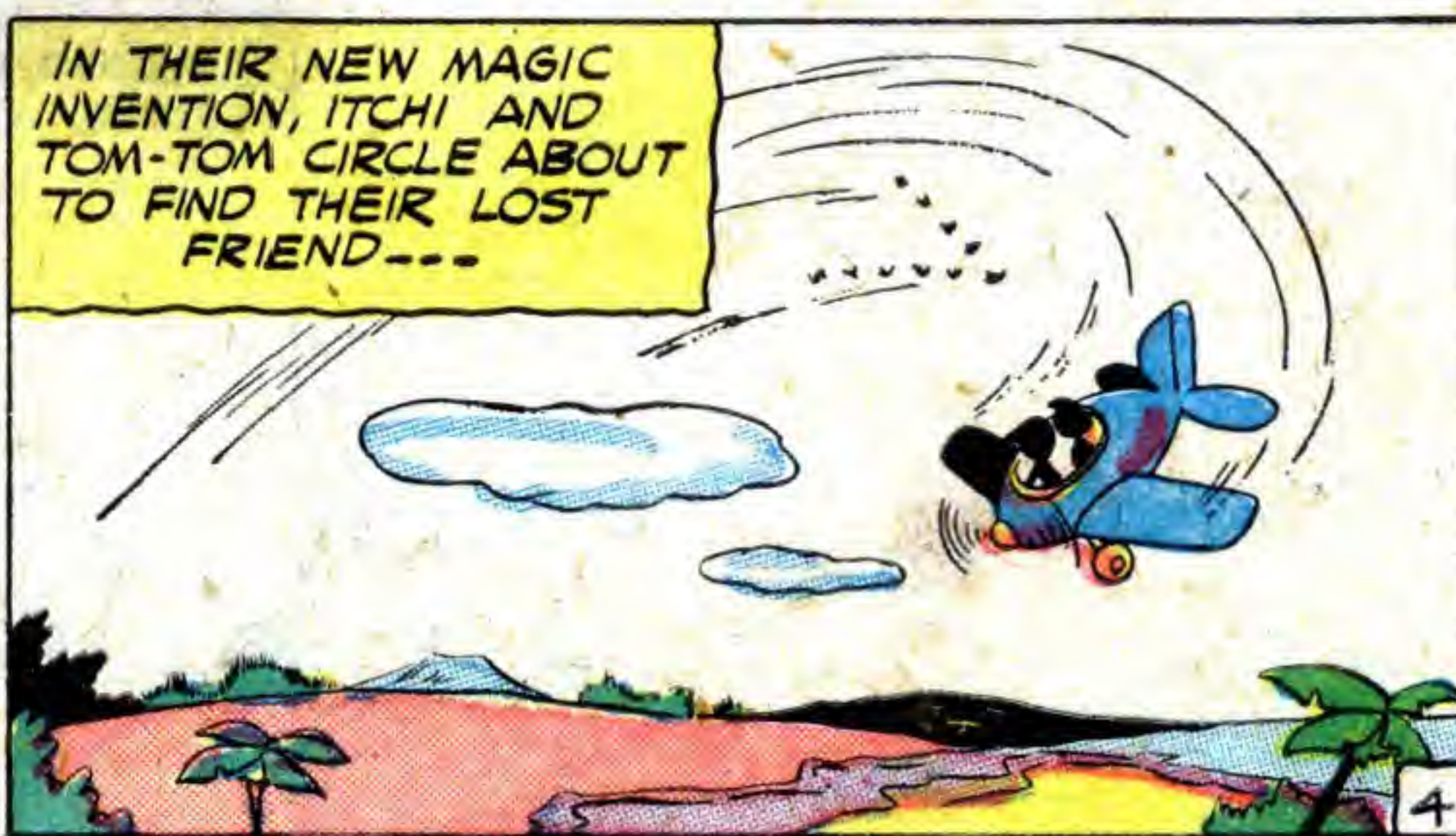
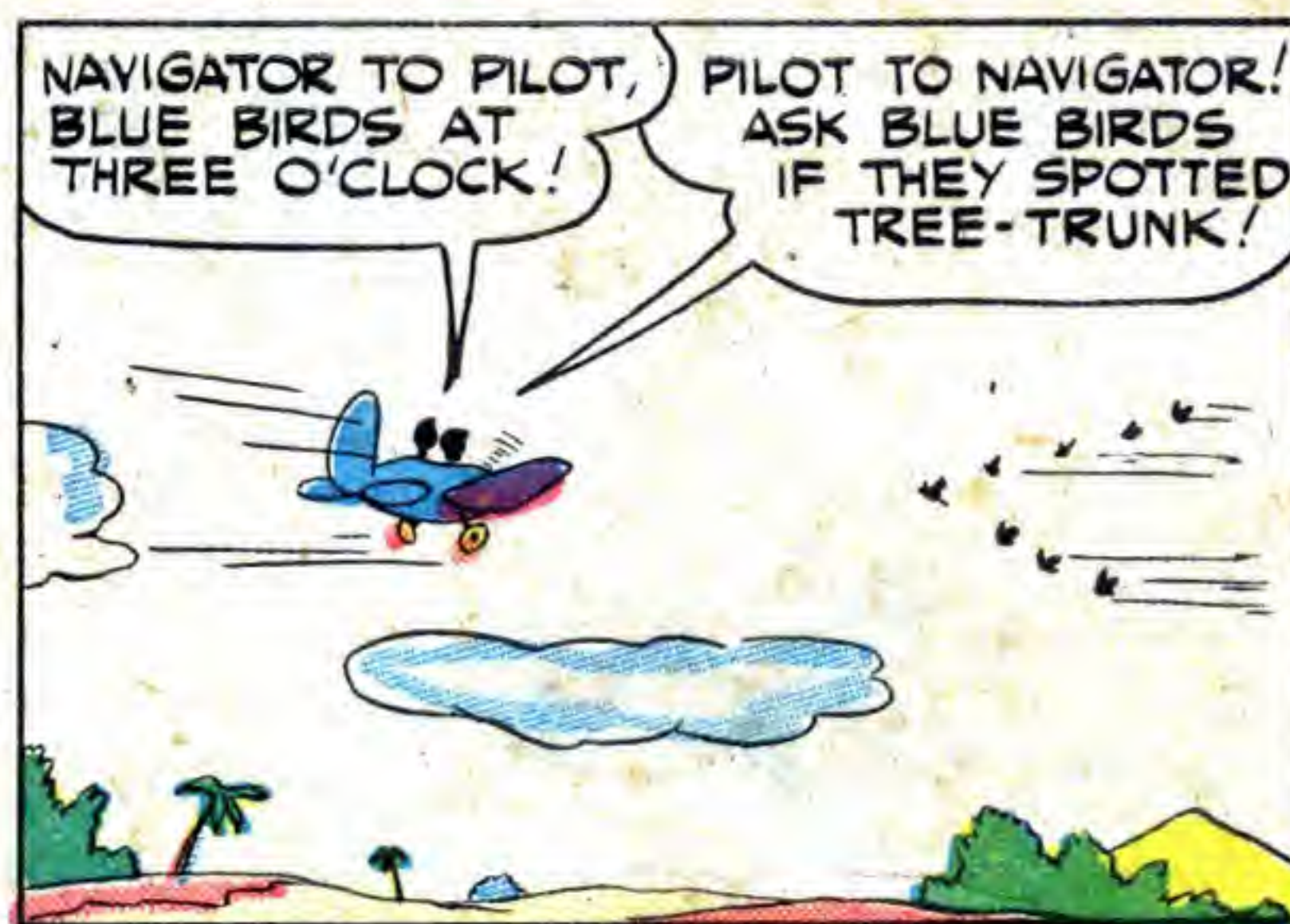
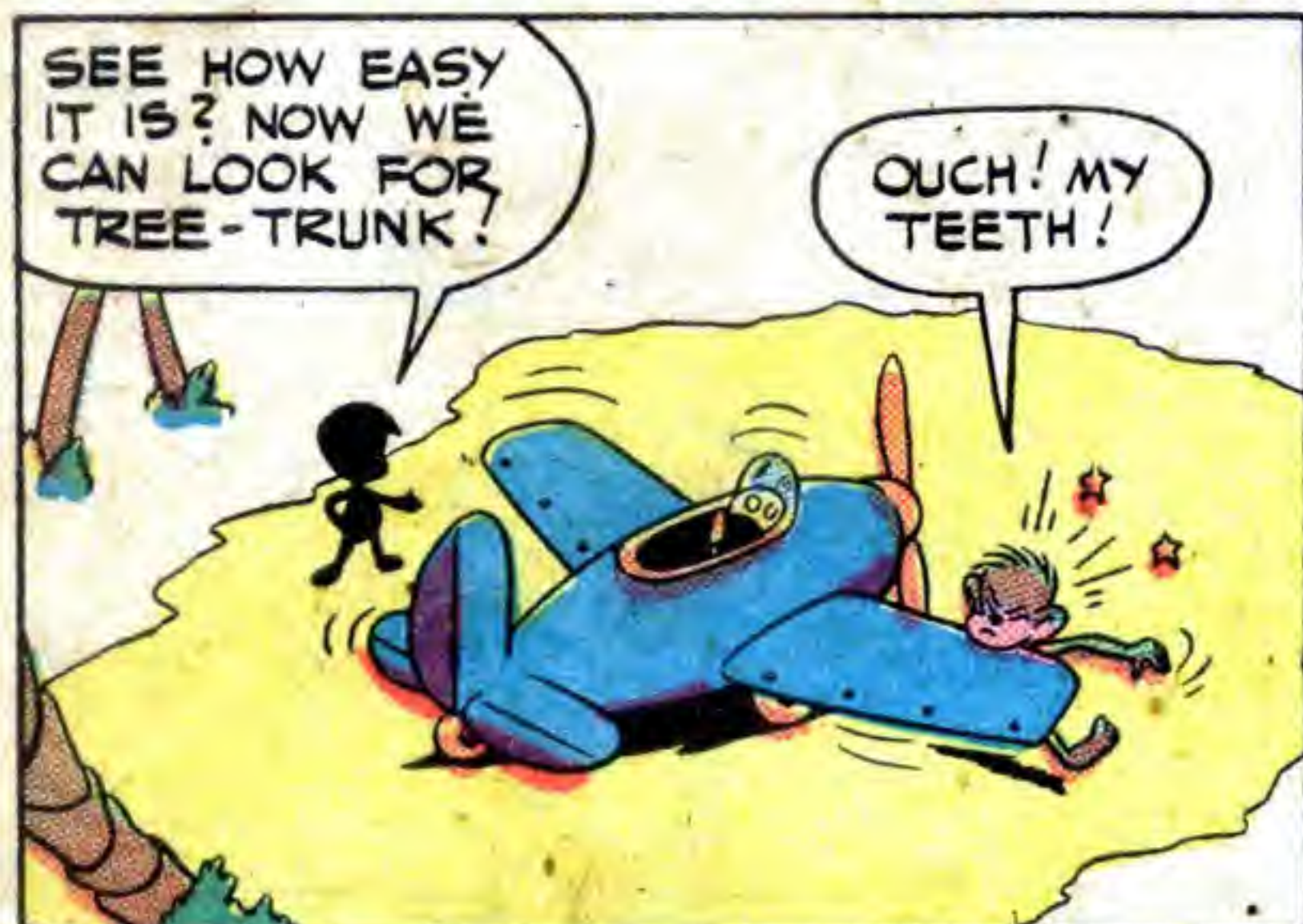
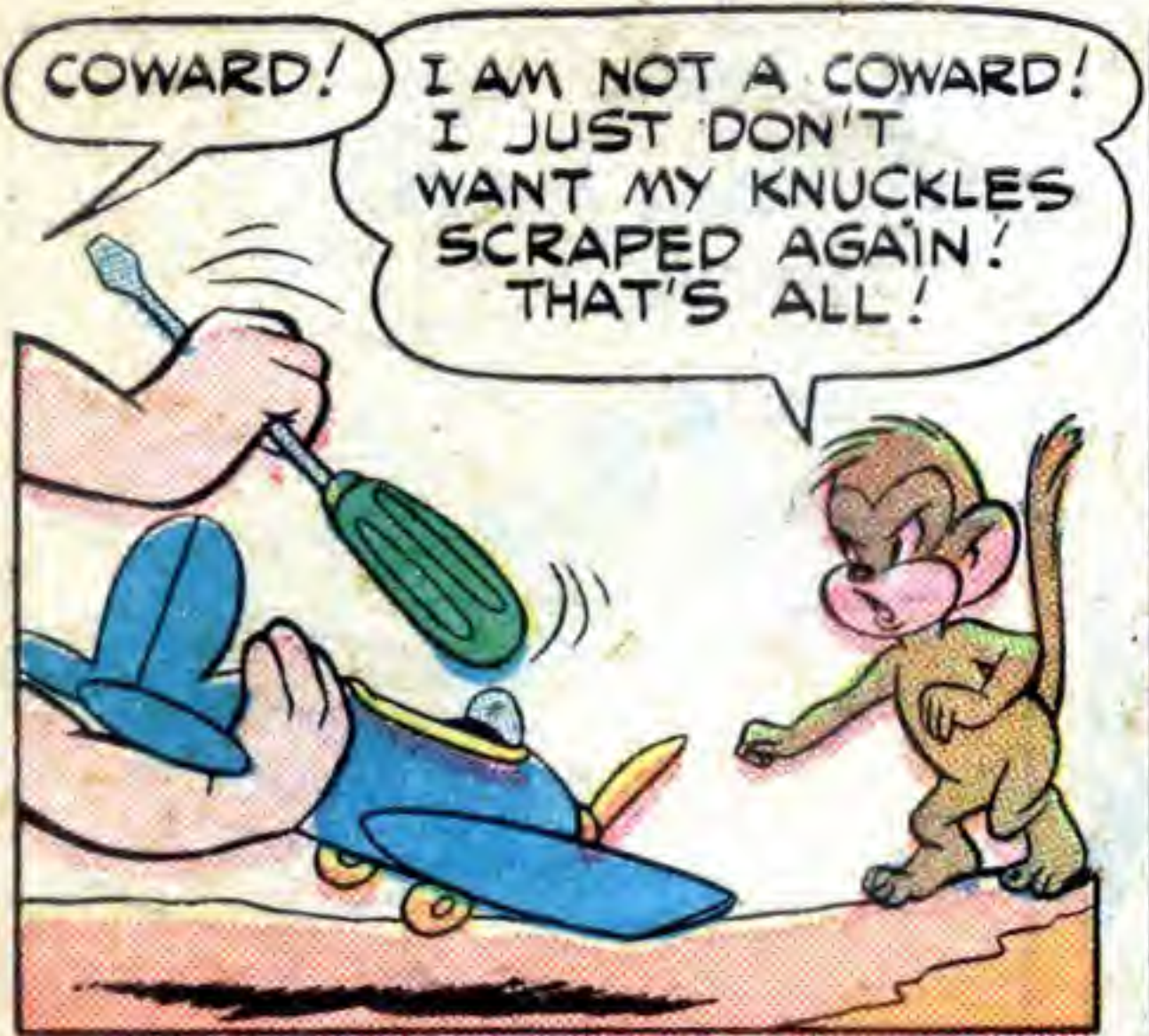


YEODOW!









MEANWHILE, ON THE EDGE OF THE GREAT SWAMP, TREE-TRUNK'S CRIES FOR HELP GROW WEAKER AND WEAKER...



LOOK! THERE HE IS, TOM-TOM!

HOLD TIGHT, TREE-TRUNK, WE'RE COMING TO HELP YOU!

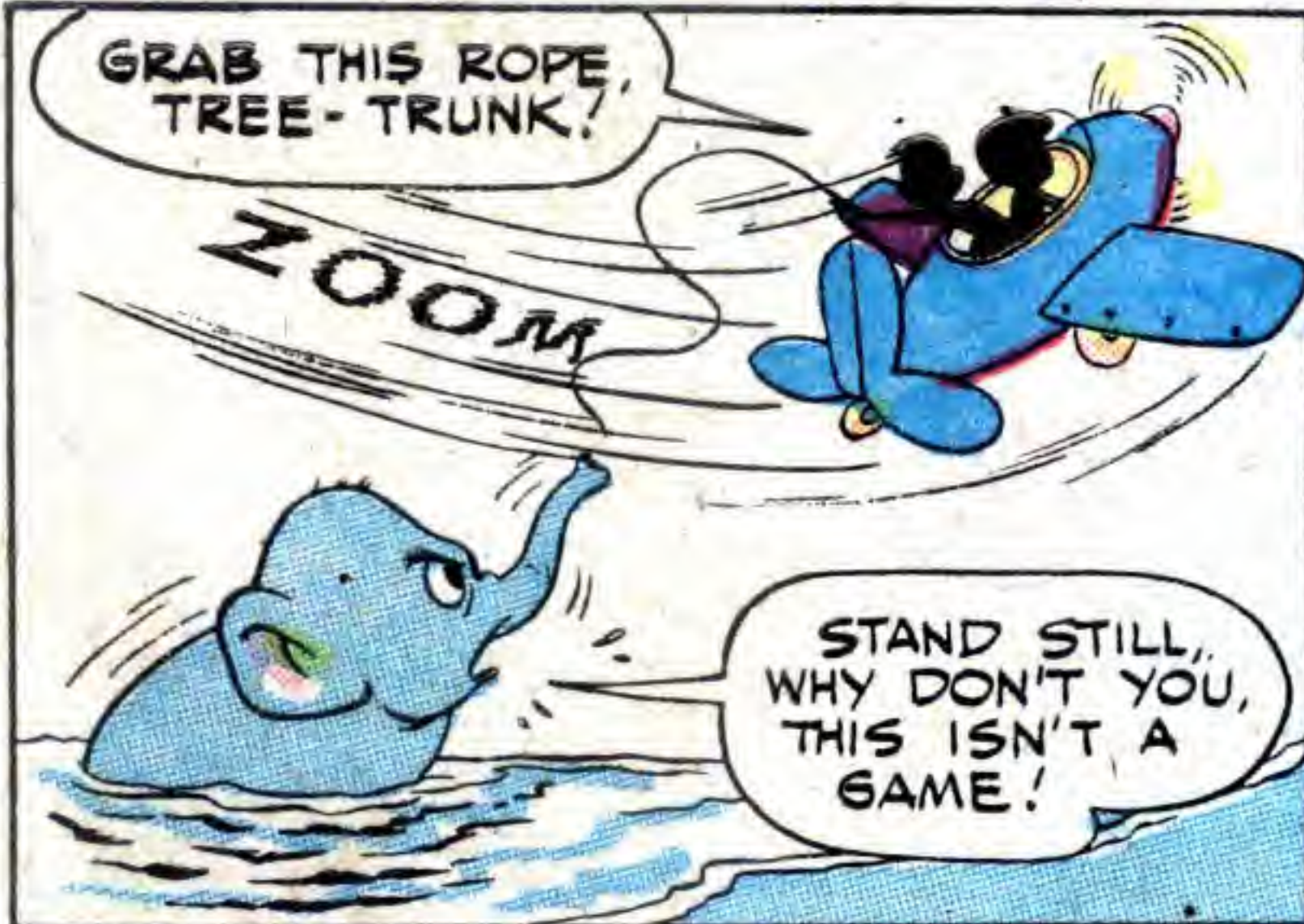


BETTER MAKE IT FAST!

GRAB THIS ROPE, TREE-TRUNK!

ZOOM

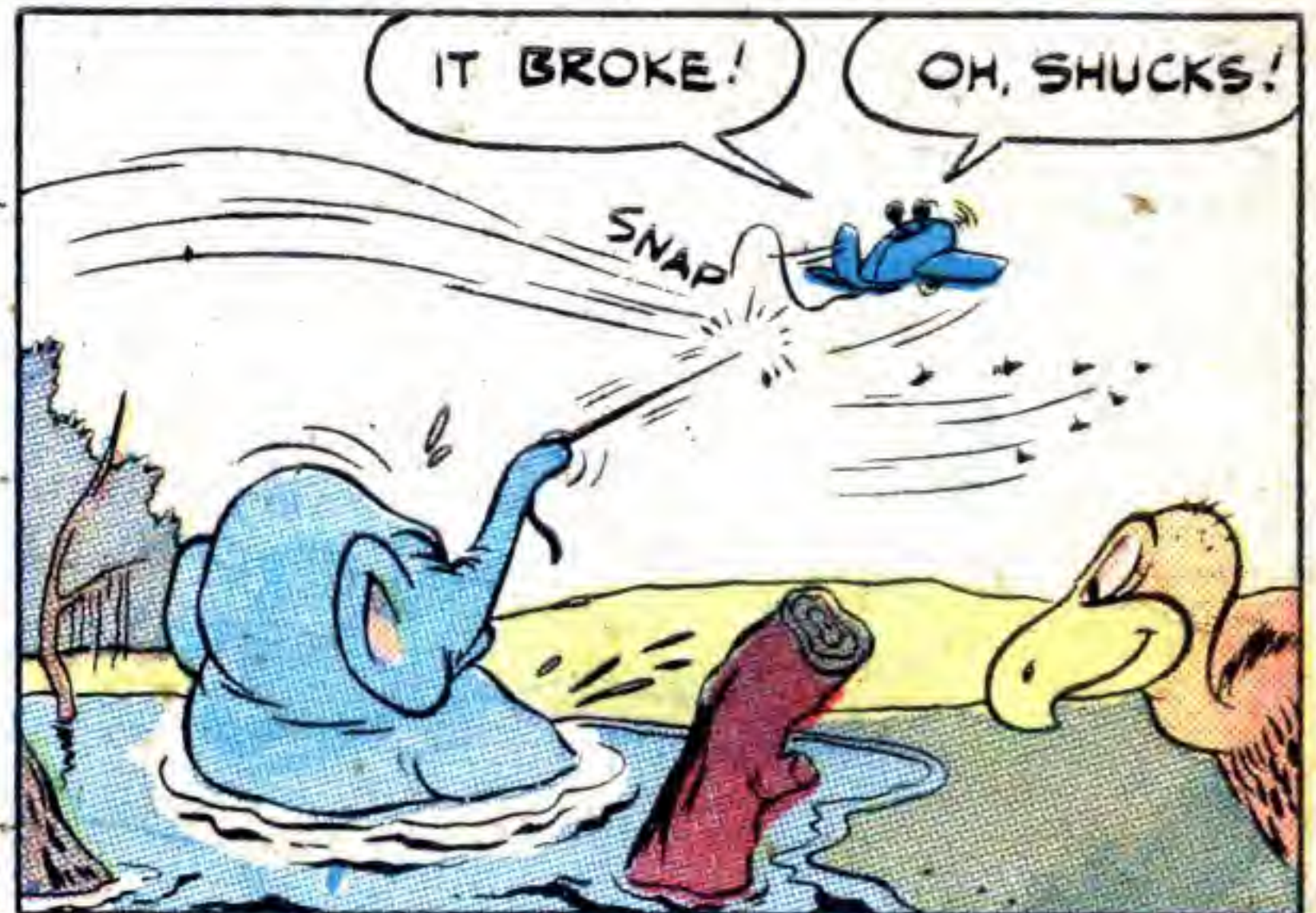
STAND STILL, WHY DON'T YOU, THIS ISN'T A GAME!



IT BROKE!

OH, SHUCKS!

SNAP



WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

TURN AROUND! I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA!



HEY, TREE-TRUNK, GRAB HOLD OF MY HANDS!

ATTA BOY, ITCHI, YOU'RE SMART!



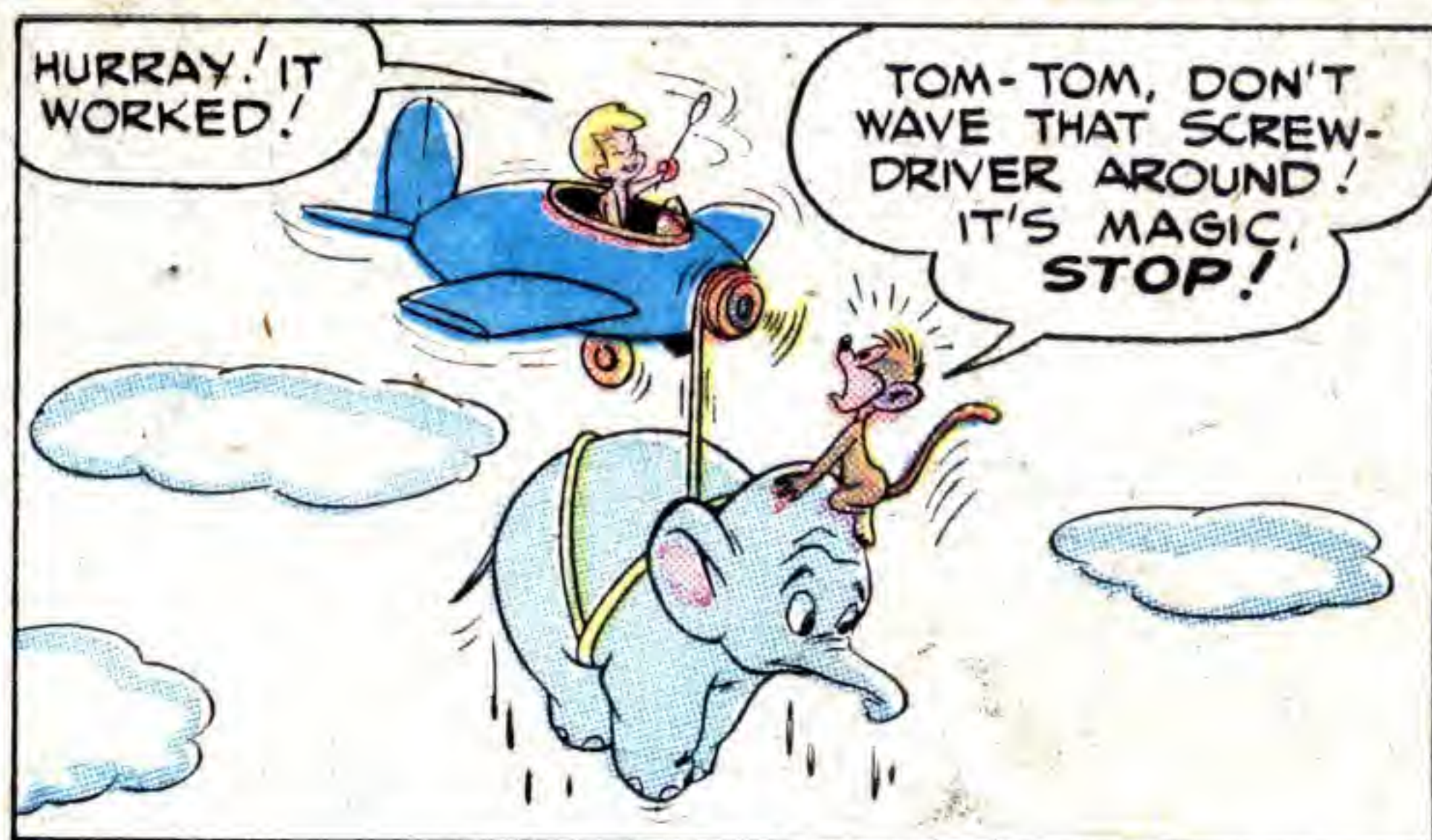
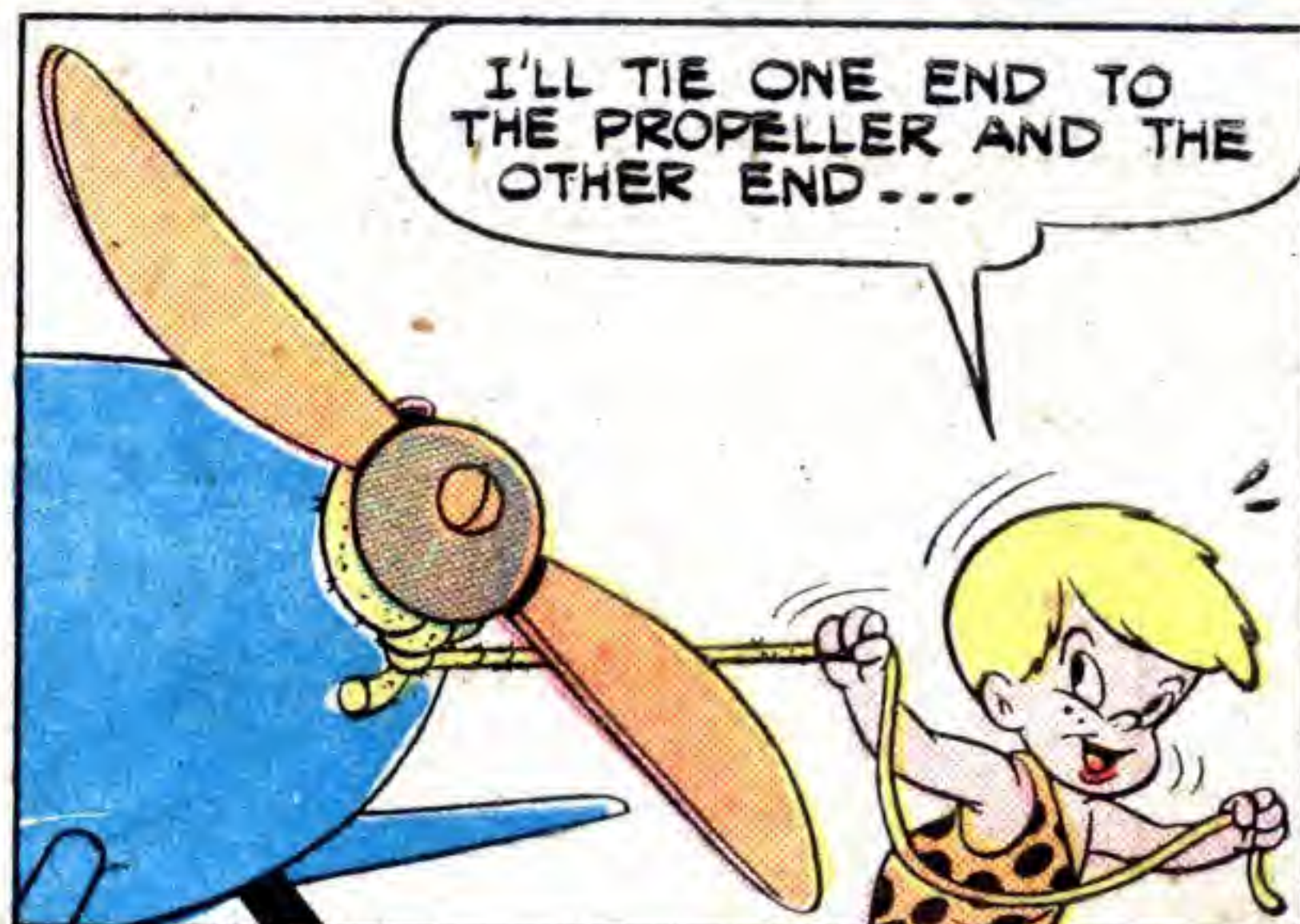
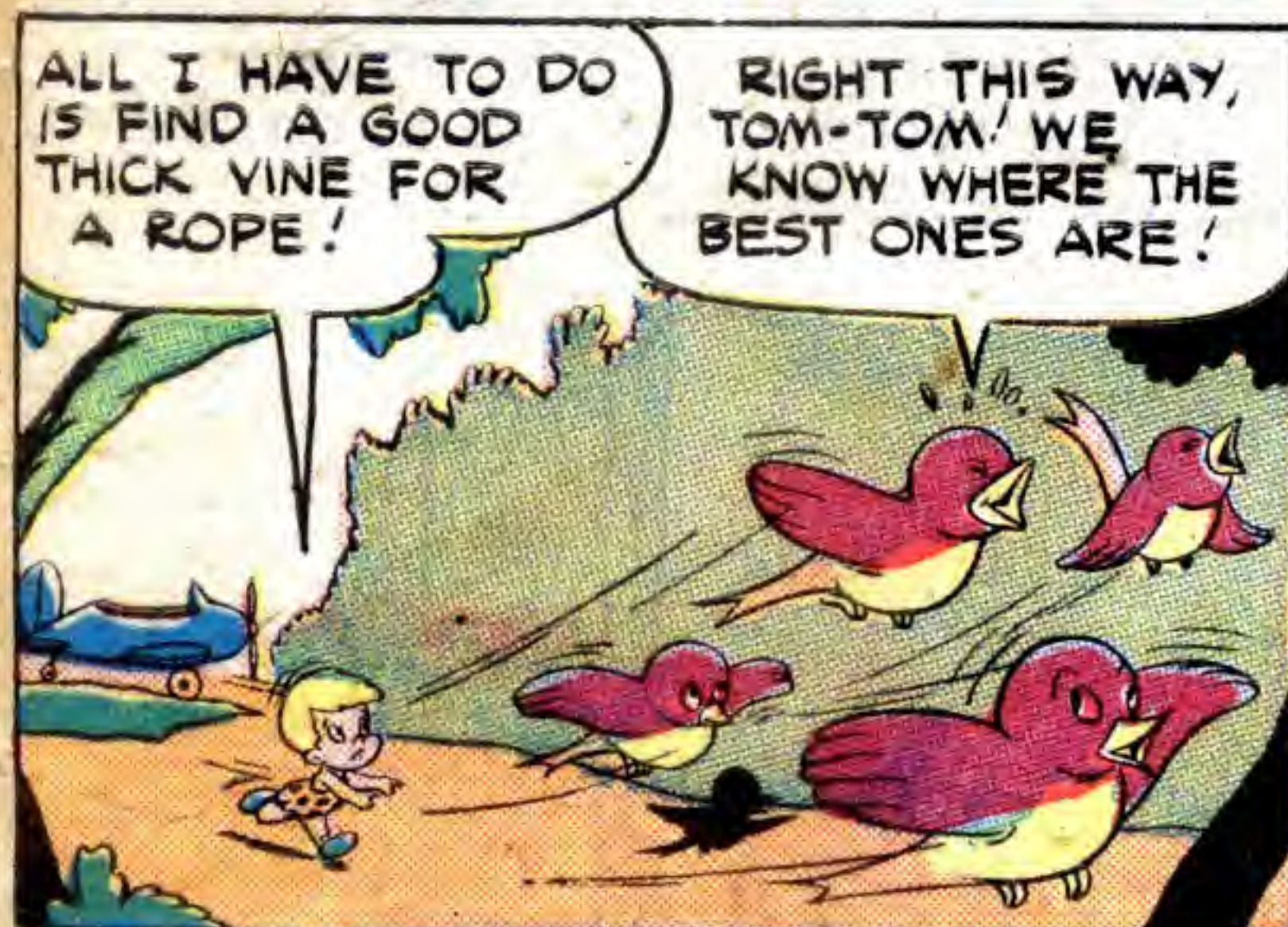
MY TAIL SLIPPED! HELP, I'M FALLING, TOM-TOM, HELP!



TOM-TOM, COME BACK!

I'LL COME BACK! JUST WAIT THERE!

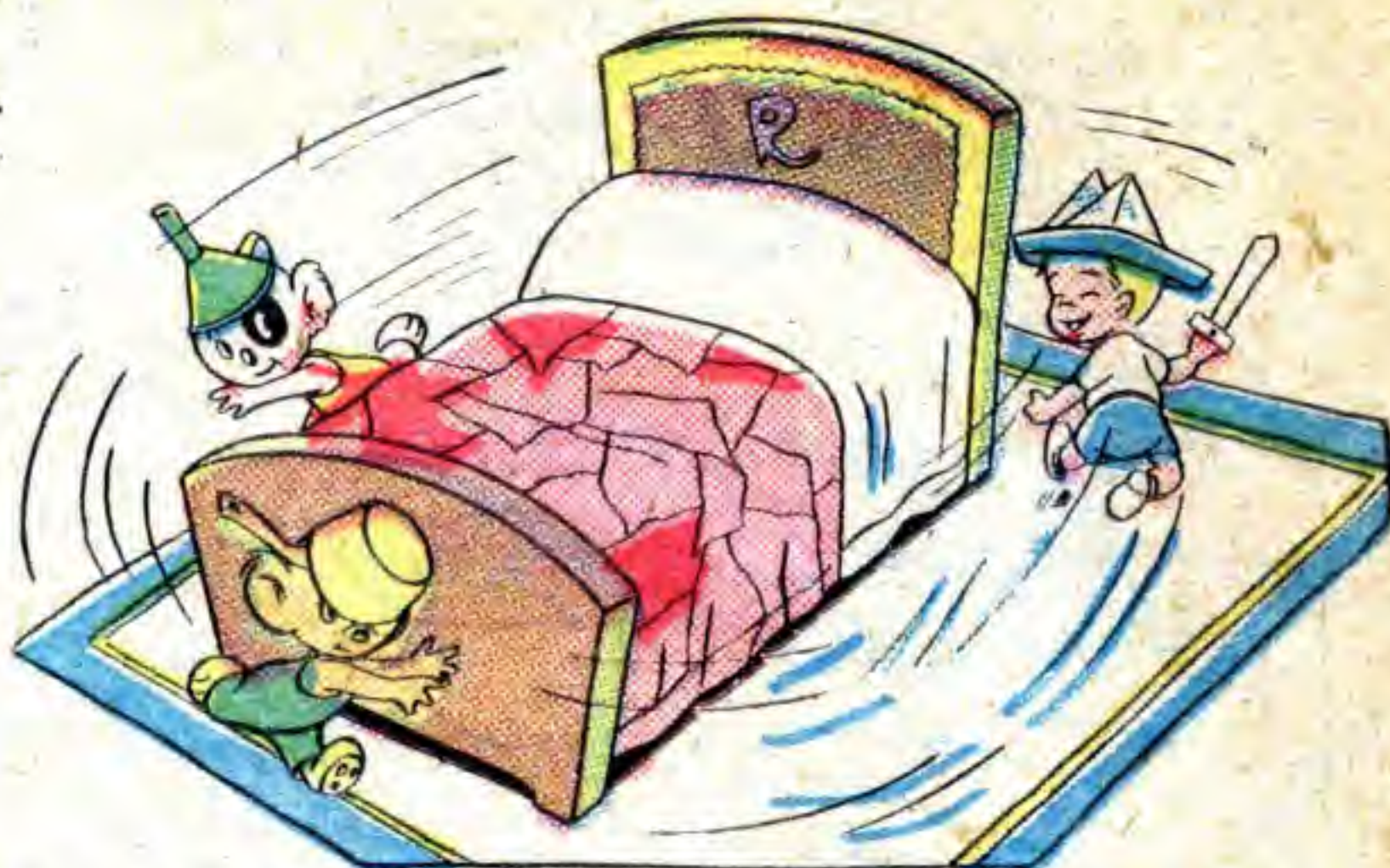




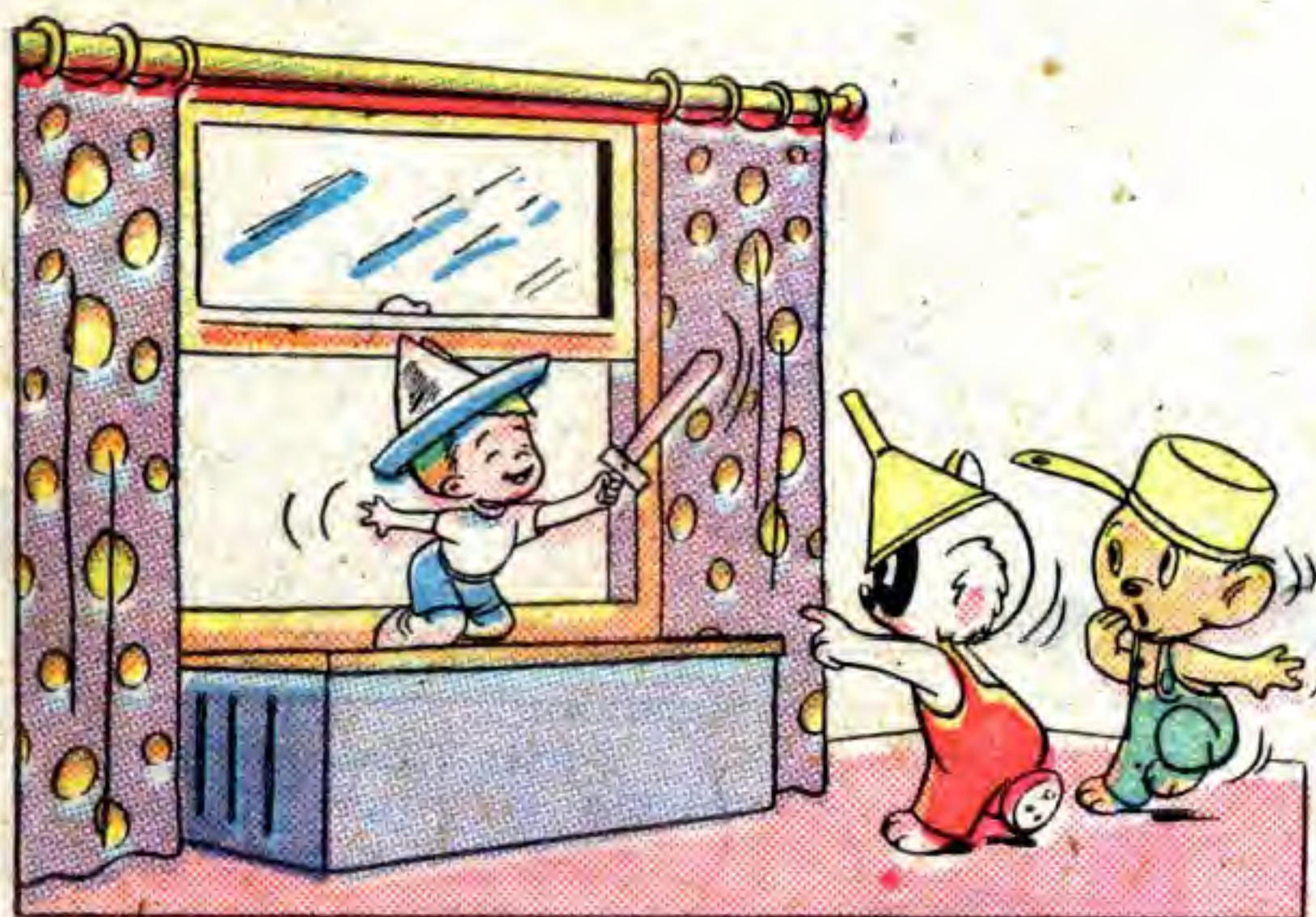
CRASH LANDING



Raymond, playing "Captain Kidd",
Went scooting up the "Mast",
The bears in hot pursuit behind,
Were screaming "Halt" "Avast"!



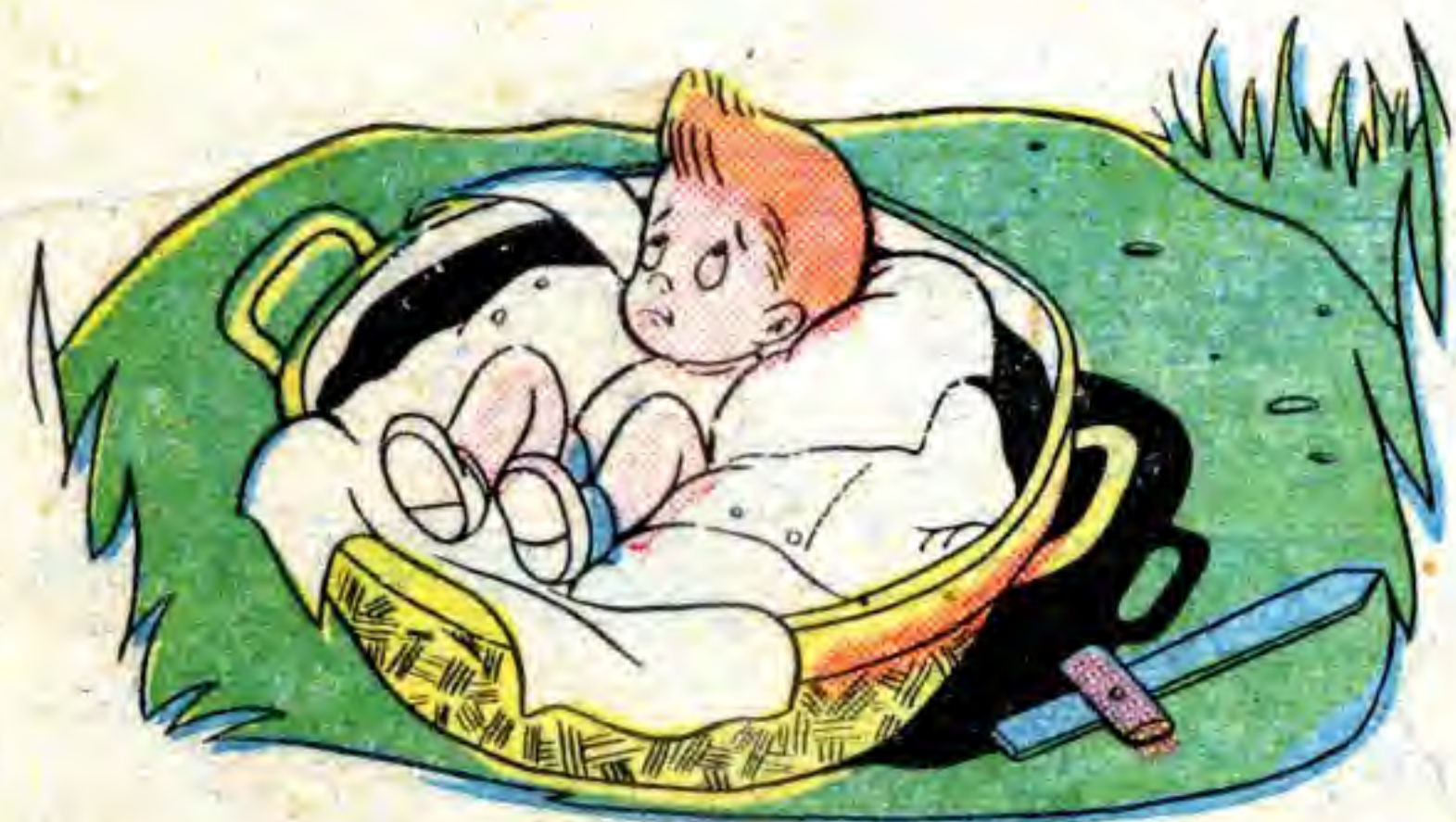
But "Captain Kidd" both bold and brave,
Went fleeting down the deck,
With the little mutineers in chase,
Almost neck and neck!



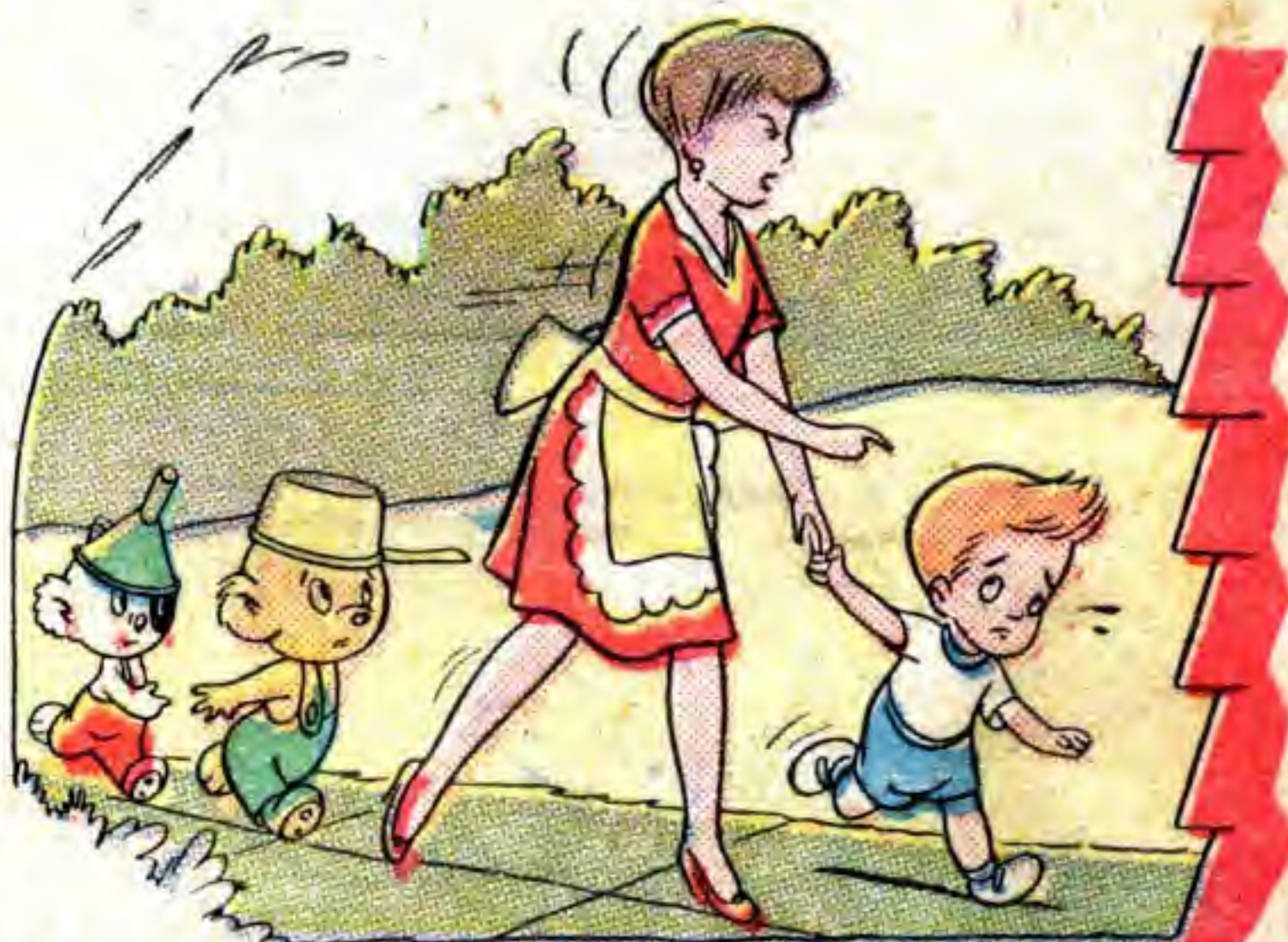
Absorbed in play and make believe,
Our Raymond did not see,
The open window right behind,
The little fellows knee!



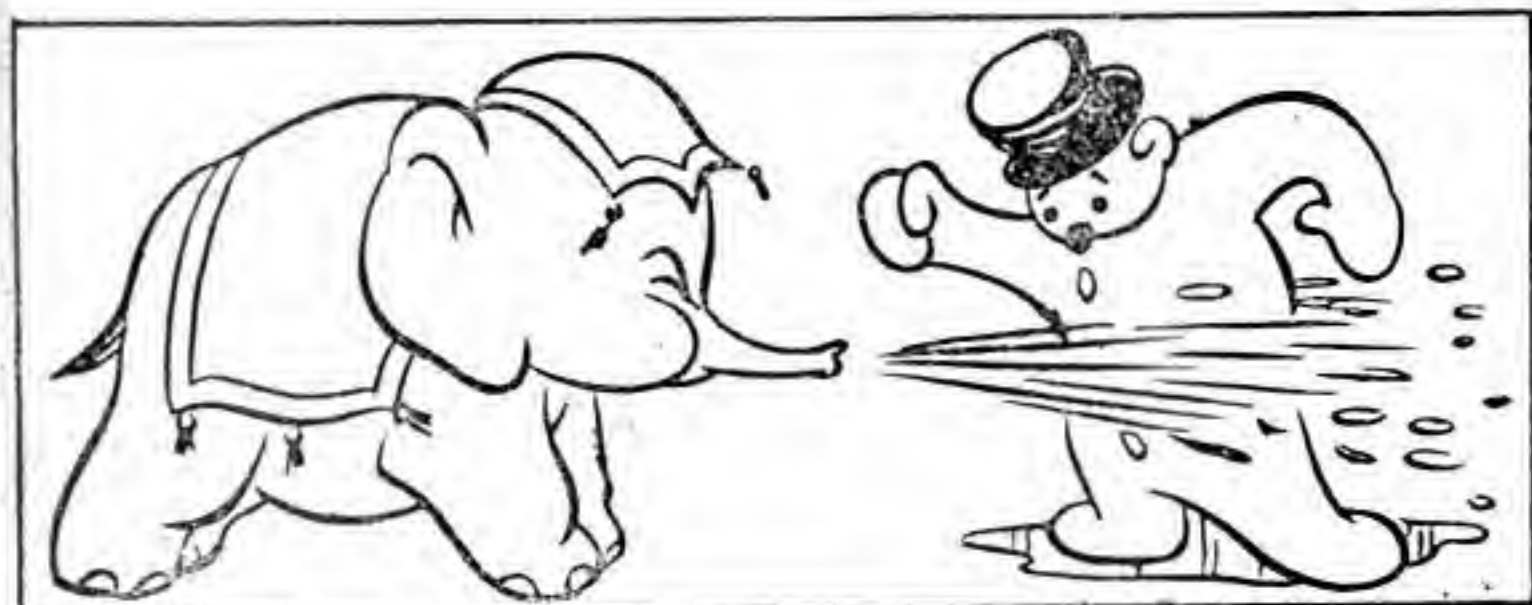
The bears in fear screamed out to him,
A warning loud and clear,
Alas, too late, the boy did fall,
Their cries he did not hear!



But fate was good, and Raymond fell,
Upon the wash below,
And though he had an awful fright,
He hurt not head nor toe!



Accidents like this aren't rare,
They happen every day,
The open window is a **THREAT**,
Be **CAREFUL** as you play!



I want to make a speech."

Raymond stood up on the elephant's back, and he shouted just like the man in the circus: "Ladies and gentlemen! Let me explain this to you. Give me your time."

They all laughed at this because they knew that the time wasn't theirs to give. But Raymond continued, "This gentleman over here, this white gentleman is . . . what is your name, anyhow?" he asked the snowman.

"My name is Pafnootius," said the snowman. "I'm made all of snow so they call me a snowman."

"Yes," said Raymond, "he's our friend and usually comes here only in the middle of the winter. This year, though, he decided to see the circus, so he came down in the fall to visit you. Don't be afraid of him. He won't hurt you."

The animals clapped their hands, "Hurray for the snowman!" they called. "Hurray for Pafnootius! He left his home in the North Pole just to play with us!"

The elephants were the first to try to entertain Pafnootius. Pinky, the lady elephant, picked him up and put him on her back. She started to parade around the circus tent with him. Each time she moved her foot, though, she jolted the snowman and a little piece of snow fell off him. "Stop it! Stop it!" he called. "I'll fall apart up here. Let me come down?"

Pinky carefully placed him down on the ground when she heard that. "Whew!" said Pafnootius, wiping his brow. "A few minutes more and there would have been nothing left of me!"

"Come on in the water then and play with us," said the seals. Now, there's a lot of water up at the North Pole and the snowman was quite accustomed to it. So he jumped right into the pool, feeling

very much at home. But when he lifted his arms to start swimming, lo! there was trouble again. Not only did the water drip from his arms, but the snow dripped too.

"This water is making me melt!" he cried. "Get me out! Get me out!"

Pinky, the elephant, again came to the rescue and fished him out with her long trunk. "Whew!" he said again when he was finally on the ground. "Whew! That was a close one. The water here is much warmer than the water at the North Pole. Why, the water up there is as cold as ice. A few minutes more of this warm water and I would have melted altogether."

The lion then came up to say, "Hello." "Rooaaaar, Rooaar," went the lion. Now, he just meant to be friendly, but it was the only way he knew how to talk. He stood so close to poor Pafnootius and roared so loudly that his hot breath went all over the poor snowman. Pafnootius started to perspire, he wiped his forehead, but the dripping still continued. Suddenly he realized what was happening and jumped away.

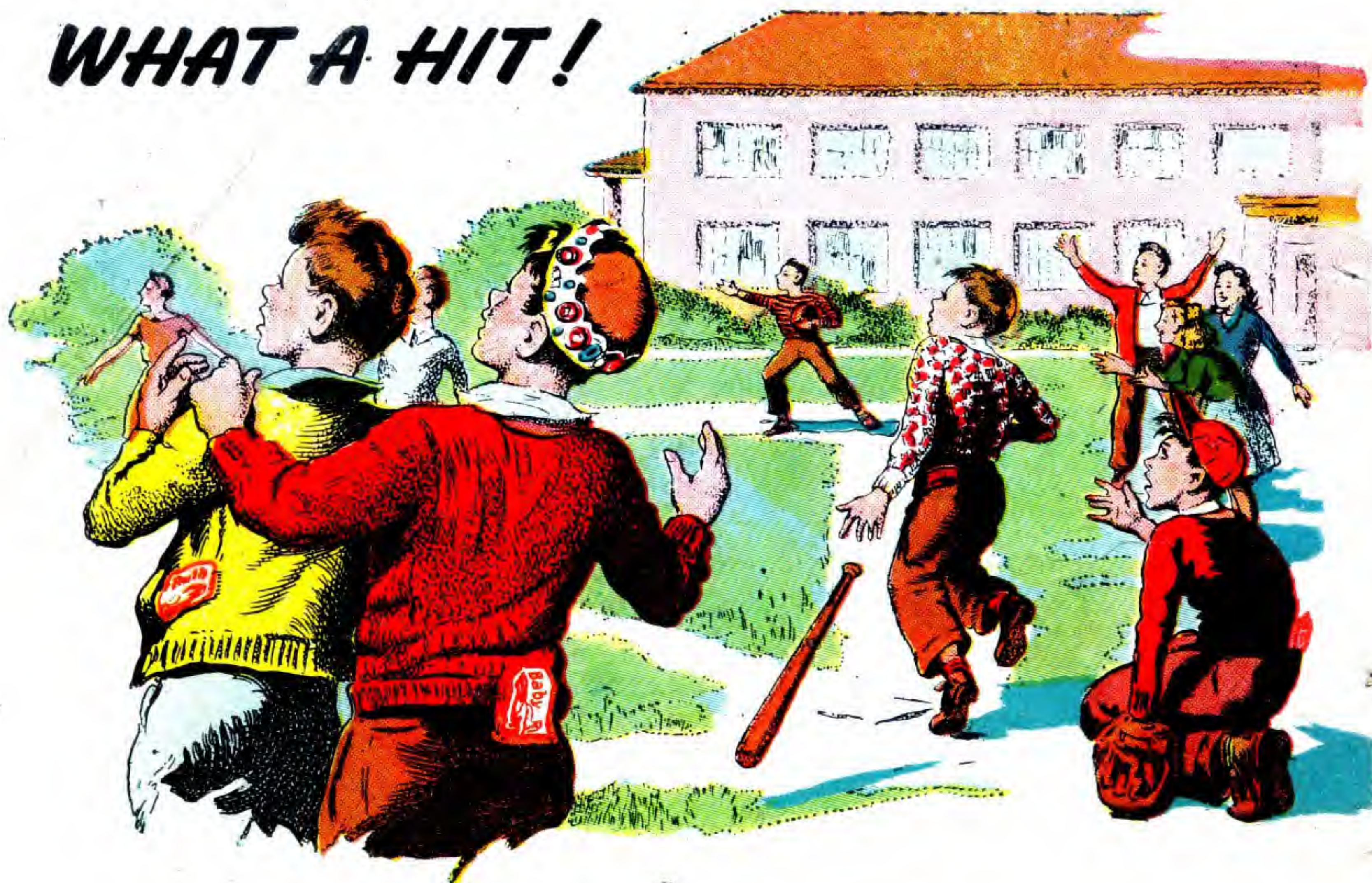
"Excuse me," he said to the lion, "I'm sorry, Mr. Lion, I don't intend to be rude, but your breath is far too hot for me. It's making me melt all over the place!" And sure enough, if you looked at the floor where the snowman had been standing, you have seen a little pool of water.

"Now I know why a snowman should come down here only in the middle of the winter," he said. "They told me up at the North Pole that there was no way to keep from melting, if I came down here now, even if I remained quiet and kept cool. I thought I'd try it anyhow, but now I see that this is no time for a snowman to be here. So back I go to the North Pole!"

He took off his hat, held it up in the air, and off he went. "Goodnight, Koko, Kola and Raymond," he called, "See you in the wintertime!"

THE END

WHAT A HIT!



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